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Chatter

THAT John F. Budd brainchild—National Aviation Week—is gaining momentum. Leaders in aviation are climbing on the bandwagon, and from this vantage point its creation appears quite promising. You'll be hearing more about National Aviation Week, no doubt—real soon.

Keep your eye peeled next month for AR TRANSPORTATION'S second annual For-eign Trade Number. Into it have gone several months of preparation, all aimed at highlighting the new link forged by air transportation in international trade. Readers of this magazine have become accus-tomed to "firsts" here. Well, here's an advance tip: there's another big "first" on tap for the Foreign Trade Number. Incidentally, it will be one of the official pub-lications at the three-day National Foreign Trade Convention in New York this Fall.

Thanks to Milton Reynolds, chairman of the board of the Reynolds Pen Company, Chicago, for this plug: "I believe Air Transportation is covering well an important field that is going to become more and more vital to American business."

And while we're recording some back-patting (not without chest dilating and ego primping), we may as well make mention of recent letters from two officials of as many non-scheduled airlines: M. T. Rogers, Jr., vice president of Southern Cargo Airlines, Vandalia, Ohio; and Philip A. Mann, traffic manager of American Air Transport, Miami Springs, Florida. Said

"Having run across one of your magazines, I was surprised to see such a fine magazine published in the interest of air transportation, and I am sure that anyone who has had the opportunity to read it was greatly impressed also."

And from Mann:

"I have had the pleasure in the past few weeks of seeing your May and June issues of Air Transportation, and I believe that it is a great aid to those of us engaged in non-scheduled air operations."

Those birds who said Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan's Waldorf-Astoria speech (September 7, 1945) in which he came out for a domestic five-cent air mail service was all political palaver and nothing else, can go sit on their tails and gnash beaks. Nickel air mail will be a reality within a very few days. Now we're looking forward to the day when all first class mail will be airborne.

We're indebted to Dick Kirschbaum. aviation editor of The Newark Even-ing News for this soulb. It seems that over at the Newark Airport cafeteria a request for "one ham-burger to go" is translated by the counterman as "one Russian hamburger." If you've a desire to stick your neck out and ask why the Russky monicker, you'll be informed: "Because it takes a walk."

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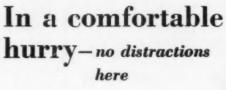
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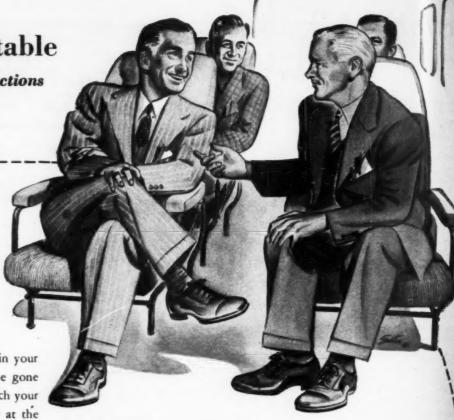
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Air Mail Era

By ROBERT RAMSPECK

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ROBERT RAMSPECK

FIFTY years ago an experiment was commenced. It was the free delivery of mail in the rural sections of our country. When first proposed, many members of Congress hooted at the idea. They said it would be too expensive. They opposed it.

Time has proved them to be wrong. It has paid dividends—perhaps not so much in money as in ways more important. Life in the country has been greatly benefited. Property values have been increased. Loneliness has been pushed away. General knowledge has been advanced. People have been made happy. Such things count more than money.

The end is not yet in sight. Many of us will not live to see some of the improvements to come, but I have no doubt that the service for our people. received from its Postal System, will continue to advance and to improve. The day may even come when mail will

The diehards who turned up their noses at air mail are wearing red faces today. But progress hasn't ended by any means!

There's more ahead!

be delivered on rural routes by air. Certainly we will see the day when Motor Postoffices will traverse many of our highways, thus rendering improved service to our people.

When our forefathers fought for and won their independence they adopted a policy for the Postal Service. It was established by Benjamin Franklin, a man of great vision. Under England, the postal service had been used as a means of taxation. Franklin and the new nation rejected that policy. It was a policy of service.

This historic policy of our Postal System is based upon three principles:

1. The mails shall be transmitted by private enterprise.

2. The newest and speediest means of communication and transport shall be actively encouraged and made available for postal patrons.

3. The object of the Postal System shall be service, regardless of cost.

It is true that as far back as 1799 the Government operated stage coaches, but this was abandoned soon and private enterprise was encouraged by payments for carrying the mails. The Government first operated the telegraph, but soon left it for private enterprise.

Our Postal Service has promoted travel by many means. As I have said, it assisted private enterprise to establish stage coaches. It helped establish steamship routes to foreign countries. It paid the railroads sums far in excess of the postage received, to assist in the

establishment of that means of transport, in the early days of the construction of this means of travel. Thus the first two principles have been followed down through the years by the Postal Service.

Many battles have been fought to change the third principle. However, today the Postal Service renders some services at less than cost, because it is believed that this practice contributes to the general welfare. Many services at first operated at a loss have later become profitable.

When I was approached with a proposal that I resign from the Congress to enter private employment, one of the considerations that persuaded me was that the position offered made it possible for me to continue my close association with those in the Postal Service.

The Air Transport Association is a trade association. It represents about 25 scheduled airlines. They carry the air mail. I am therefore quite interested in the Postal Service.

Air mail was first inaugurated 28 years ago when an initial appropriation of \$100,000 was made available. It was largely due to the efforts of Senator Mc-Kellar that this money was appropriated.

Just as the proposed rural delivery service was hooted at, so did the skeptics in the United States Senate oppose Senator McKellar's proposal. They said no airplane could carry mail; that it would not be even a seven-day wonder; that it



AIR MAIL FOR EVERYWHERE—With domestic air mail down to five cents per ounce, increased traffic is expected. Scenes like the one above will be even more numerous.

would be a waste of money. Yet last year, the profits from domestic air mail alone, repaid the initial appropriation 300 times.

Like the early stage coach days, the first air mail was carried by Government-operated planes. This was abandoned and the task turned over to private enterprise. Like some other services of the Postal System, air mail failed to pay its way for a number of years. The Government spent large sums encouraging this new method of transport, just as it had done for the railroads in their early history.

In the past several years, however, the profits from air mail have repaid all those expenditures—and more. Today, the most profitable operation the Postal Service has is air mail.

The rate of postage for domestic air mail has been reduced to five cents, effective October 1.* Even at that rate, a pound of air mail will yield a greater

*See Page 40.

profit to the Postal System than a pound of first-class mail transported by surface with three cents postage.

Here once more, we see the historic policy of the Postal Service in operation. First it was used to encourage and develop a new means of transport-by-air. At first the cost—to the Postal Service—exceeded the revenue. Now it is profitable in a money sense, even at the new nickel rate.

However, I want to point out some of the more valuable incidents resulting from this historic policy. Air mail has brought intangible benefits to millions of people. It has brought greater security to our nation. It has brought people closer together from the standpoint of time.

Millions of parents, wives, sweethearts and friends used air mail during the recent war to communicate quickly with their sons, husbands, sweethearts and friends scattered over this old globe. It helped the morale of the troops and kept up the courage of the loved ones at home. That was worth more than money.

There was another, and perhaps an even greater beneficial result of this wise policy of encouraging the development of a new and faster means of travel and communication. When we entered the war, our Army was without adequate air transport planes. The airlines, at that time, had about 359 planes. One-half of these were turned over to the Army. With them went trained pilots and ground crews. Thus was the Army Transport Command started.

When the Japs landed in the islands near Alaska, these planes were used to rush troops, guns, supplies and equipment to the danger zone. The Japs were stopped. Perhaps an invasion of our own country was averted. Who knows?

When Rommel was winning in Africa,



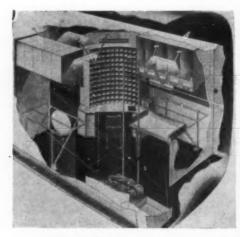
MAIL IN FLIGHT—They hooted at air mail, but last year profits from domestic air mail alone repaid the initial appropriation 18 years ago of \$100,000 some 300 times. Above is a Western Air Lines Skymaster transporting mail over the Rockies.

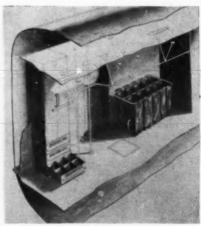
Montgomery, of the British Army, needed ammunition for anti-tank guns. It could not reach him in time by surface transport. These planes took that ammunition to Montgomery. Rommel was stopped. The war was shortened. Many thousands of lives were saved.... How?... Why?

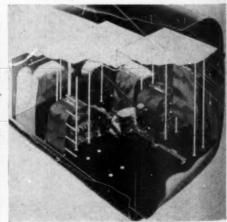
Because, a few years before, the historic policy of the Postal Service had encouraged the development of a new and faster means of transportation—air transportation. It was done by paying private enterprise to carry the mail—paying them more than the service returned in postage. It pays now. Who would now deny that this policy was wise?

The Postal System had a net profit of about \$160,000,000 at the close of the fiscal year 1945. This year (June 30, 1946), this profit was gone, and a deficit of a larger amount had been created. This change was brought about

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PACKET MAILCAR—"Next year," writes Mr. Ramspeck, "we hope to see legislation passed providing a system of air parcel post."

These cutaway pictures show the three sections of the Fairchild Packet Mailcar which was fully described in the April issue of this magazine. Left to right are the working, rear, and forward sections. The Packet, which can handle six-ton loads on 500-mile hops, can be developed for parcel post carriage, too.

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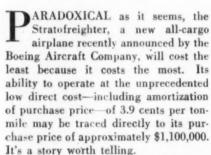
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What is the mark of efficiency in an airplane? Reduced-to equation form, it may be defined as a ratio of ton-miles carried per hour over dollars ex-

pended in purchase price and continued operating costs. This ratio, in turn, involves three basic factors; aerodynamic design, payload capacity and utilization.

By FRED B. COLLINS

Sales Manager

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Superior aerodynamic design and maximum payload capacity decrease direct operating costs when the airplane is flying, thus increasing efficiency. Utilization, on the other hand, is the ability to fly a maximum number of hours a day. Only when an airplane is in the air can it take advantage of its aerodynamic qualities, payload capacity, and revenue potential. Obviously, then, to attain a high degree of efficiency, much design consideration must be placed on reducing time on the ground.

This may be accomplished in several ways. Ease of maintenance is one.
Simplified maintenance was a basic

concept of the Stratofreighter. For example, any or the four 3,500 horse-powerpower Pratt and Whitney, Wasp Major engines, with which the Stratofreighter will be powered, may be quickly removed. In order to speed overhaul and engine change procedures, they also have been designed for interchangeability.

A large open area directly below the control cabin permits easy inspection and servicing of control cables and electric wiring, while the placement of aileron controls and the automatic pilot at the rear of the wing stub greatly facilitates maintenance. Elsewhere in the Stratofreighter electric motor, brake panels and other control devices are so located that they may be readily inspected, changed or serviced with ease.

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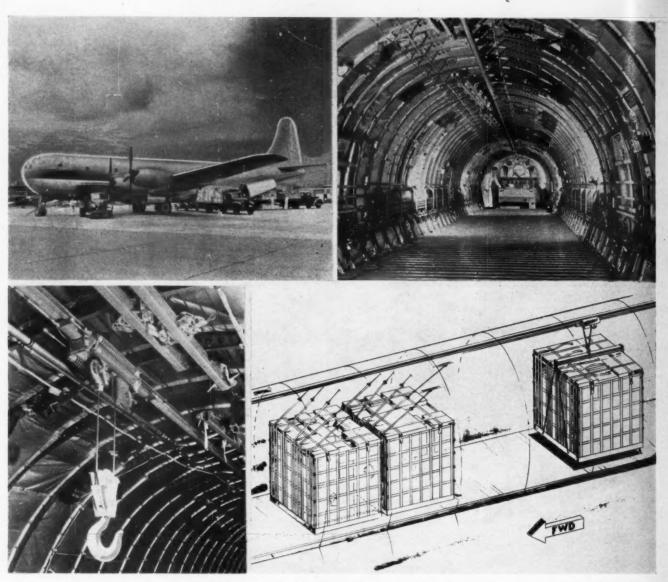


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CARGO GARGANTUA—Side view of the Boeing Stratofreighter (upper left), new double-deck, four-engine cargoplane. When it goes into service it will be the largest and fastest commercial air freighter in the world. Volume nearly doubles that of an average boxcar. Cargo doors are arranged to allow four trucks to load simultaneously. The Stratofreighter will operate at 3.9 cents per ton-mile. . . . ALL FOR FREIGHT—Looking aft (upper right) on the Stratofreighter's upper deck cargo compartment. With a usable volume of 4,320 cubic feet, it is the largest of four separate compartments on the giant plane. Total usable volume of the Stratofreighter is 6,140 cubic feet. . . . SPEED PLUS EFFICIENCY—Traversing the entire length of the 74½-foot main deck cargo compartment on an overhead rail (lower left), this electrically powered hoist is capable of hoisting preloaded pallets up to 5,000 pounds. . . . HERE'S HOW IT'S DONE—

Sketch shows how preloaded pallets move along the powered overhead rail.

alone, however, does not produce a totally efficient airplane. With an ever growing emphasis on increased speed, airline operators have discovered that by an efficient loading design the ideal airplane can save many hours of flying time while still on the ground.

If airplane A can be fully loaded, in say 45 minutes, while airplane B requires two hours loading time for the same amount of cargo, then the first airplane can be in the air and flying one hour and 15 minutes before the second one leaves the ground. Converted into distance at the Stratofreighter's average speed of 325 miles an hour, this time differential results in a net gain

of over 400 miles for the airplane designed to be loaded rapidly and efficiently.

Armed with these facts, Boeing set about to develop rapid loading features on the Stratofreighter.

Available to prospective purchasers of this airplane will be two basic systems: pallet and bin loading. Pallet, the faster of the two, and perhaps fastest of all current systems, is a prepacking method in which specially designed 100-pound pallets may be loaded with as much as 5,000 pounds of cargo and be ready for hoisting into the Stratofreighter upon its arrival at the field. Designed to carry eleven such pallets in

the 74½-foot upper deck compartment, the big Boeing cargo carrier can be loaded in approximately 20 minutes.

If desired, the operator may have the Stratofreighter fitted for bin loading. Designed for quick installation or removal in order to maintain maximum loading versatility, the bins (11 in the standard airplane) will consist of nylon strap partitions, aluminum gate posts, and a nylon gate. Partitions will be secured to the floor, walls, and ceiling of the airplane. Although not as rapid as the pallet system, bin loading is still fast compared to current standards. Depending upon the number of men used,

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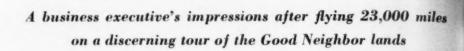
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Contrasts in LATIN

AMERICA





By HARRY E. SEANOR
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IN Latin America the ox plods along at one mile an hour. In a day it gets about as far as an airplane flies in 10 minutes.

And yet in vast areas of the rich and still largely undeveloped continent the only alternative to the airlines are transport methods unchanged in a thousand years.

In Ecuador, the pleasant towns of Loja and Cuenca, only 84 miles from each other, are five days apart by trail, though only 45 minutes by air.

Contrasts so sharply drawn grow out of a curious paradox. In Europe and North America, Western civilization worked slowly through the road and rail eras before coming to the airplane. Transport facilities kept pace with, and sometimes run ahead of the demands of commerce. Latin America, however, catapulted straight from the age of the mule and the oxcart to the swift airlines, skipping over all the intermediate stages. In a sense, therefore, Latin America, having tied the continent together on long through routes, must now intensively develop her short hauls.

In a 23,000-mile flying trip around Latin America, a businessman can learn a lot about the economy of the continent. My business took me to Mack Truck distributors in all the principal cities of Latin America. Leaving Miami late last summer Pan American Clippers sped me down the East coast by way of Havana, Barranquilla, Maracaibo, Caracas, Curacao, Maturin, Belem, Recife, Bahia, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre, Montevideo and back to Rio. From Rio the Clippers took me to Buenos Aires. Here I changed to Panagra and flew across the Andes to Santi-

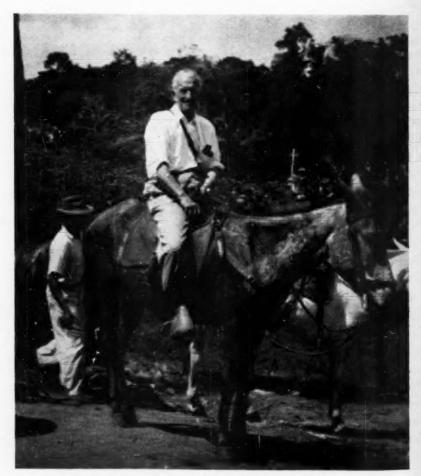
ago, then Arequipa, Lima, Antofagasta, Quito, Cali, Bogota, Medellin, Balboa and back home.

It was in Ilheos, just south of Sao Salvador, Brazil, that I went a few hundred miles inland by a 60-year-old narrow gauge railroad, by car, and then on muleback to a prime example of what poor transport means to a nation's economy.

Only a few miles from the coast in the State of Bahia potential riches grow on the brown red-yellow cocoa trees. And yet these riches are not fully harvested. More than 200.000 tons of cocoa rot on the trees every year, for there is no way out from part of this cocoa country except by mule. The trees, wild and untended, produce their yearly crop to the benefit of no one.

Beef, too, is raised in this area. Each year from Northern Minas Geras and Southern Bahia, ranchers drive cattle 400 miles over rough trails to Sao Salvador. Cattle that leave the lush grazing grounds inland from Ilheos weighing 1,000 pounds will arrive in Sao Salvador weighing only 800. Transport by motor trucks would, of course, avoid this loss.

Away to the North, almost on the



The author on muleback.



Bridges in Latin America reach a high standard, but many of the roads are woefully bad.

Venezuelan border, only 87 miles from a market, another cattle raising area has an even worse transport problem. Paradoxical as it may sound in a world of food shortages, the cattle are raised solely for their hides. Meat is a useless surplus. For lack of refrigeration, roads and highway transport, ranchers destroy it.

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Such instances multiplied many times throughout the continent, add up to vast new wealth waiting to be tapped and brought into the main stream of world commerce. Today American businessmen traveling through Latin America are greeted on every hand with unmistakable signs of an economic renaissance unrivaled in the long and colorful history of the continent. But like our own enormous expansion of the last century, the blossoming of Latin America

depends to a large extent on the development of transport.

As vast and variable as any in the world, the transport problem cannot be licked overnight. But the work of the new facilities which are pouring into Latin America now that the war is over will, I think, be made more effective if Latin Americans keep two principles in mind. The available transport should be used (1) to feed the airlines, and (2) to feed the rivers to seaboard.

A large number of productive areas can be developed intensively with relatively short roads in isolated regions. Trucks used on these shorter routes as gathering units for the airlines and the rivers would develop economically the varied centers of wealth throughout the continent. Greatly expanded air cargo service would then weave these areas to-

gether. On the rivers, power boats must replace the dugout canoes which still are the only means of transport in many areas.

In Nicaragua, for instance, Mack Truck Company recently sold 15-ton heavy duty trucks for the development of a gold mine in an inaccessible spot high in the mountains. The trucks were dismantled, loaded on planes and flown to the mines. There they were reassembled and put to work. They now do the heavy short-haul jobs; the airliners are the connecting link with the outside world.

In any cultural or economic development the most important thing is, of course, to get people moving. As roads are built, the magic of transportation will bring the more abundant life to Latin America as it has everywhere else.

Natives use primitive methods in breaking rock for road building.





Most of the heavy carrying for road building operations is done by the ancient handcart.

Pan American World Airways can be justifiably proud of the part it has played in revolutionizing trade relationships. By making Latin America air conscious, it has sparked this renaissance.

Urgently needed throughout most of Latin America is an information program designed to acquaint industry and governments alike with the latest technical developments in the transport field. One of the most useful things that could be done would be the sponsoring of road construction shows, exhibiting the latest road building machinery.

I was startled to see workmen breaking rocks in some parts of Latin America using methods unchanged since 218 B.C. when Hannibal built a road across the Alps in his historic attempt to wreak the vengeance of Carthage on the Roman people.

Selecting a large rock, two men build a hot fire around it until the rock is thoroughly heated. This may take anywhere from half-a-day to a day, or longer, depending on the size of the rock. When it is thoroughly heated, water is dashed over it and, amid a great crackling and hissing of steam, the rock breaks into several large pieces. These pieces are hauled by hand carts, sometimes several miles, then broken up by sledge hammers into pieces small enough to use.

Although limited at times by such primitive and expensive methods, there can be no doubt of the determination of the Latin American governments to drive roads through their countries. Enthusiasm is encountered on every side. And more important, along with this enthusiasm is the means with which to translate it into action. Although economists differ on the precise amount of the dollar credits the Latin Americans have piled up during the war, they all agree that it is a sizable sum. No one doubts that a large portion of this sum will be spent on highway and airport development.

In the cultivation of Latin American business, the one almost indispensable tool is the airplane. My four-month trip would have taken at least a year by any other means of transport. Indeed, the Clippers speed you around so fast that a man has to gear himself to the pace. There is no lost motion in the schedule; there can be no lost motion in your work.

By the time I reached Buenos Aires, I had covered so many cities and countries and written so much business that I wished I had taken two or three secretaries with me.

As Mack Truck Company continues to expand its export business—we plan a 500 percent increase over our prewar exports—the convenience and dependability of the airline will continue to aid us, not only in knitting our worldwide organization together but in many small though highly important ways as well.

Recently we delivered several heavy duty trucks to a South American utility company. One of the trucks was damaged in operation and, as it happened the particular spare part was not available. It was a serious matter, for the one truck could hold up the work of the others. We sent the spare part from New York via Clipper express and had the truck back in operation in a short time. Air express makes emergency Mack Service just around the corner. Air-truck transport promises many new horizons for Latin America.

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Pan American Seeks Domestic Routes Using Rainbows, Stratocruisers

Holding forth the 430-mile-an-hour Republic Rainbow and the 340-mile-an-hour Boeing Stratocruiser, Pan American World Airways this month put in a bid with the Civil Aeronautics Board for United States routes which would link 13 cities now served by the airline on overseas routes.

These cities are: New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore-Washington, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, New Orleans, Houston, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The big Republic and Boeing planes are expected to be delivered to Pan

American during the latter part of 1947.

PAA pointed out that in planning its domestic services it does not propose to add any new terminals to the cities from which its overseas services are at the present time authorized. Since 10 major airlines have been authorized to compete with it on overseas routes, PAA states, it would link the United States terminals with high-speed domestic service operating in competition with the domestic airlines recently permitted to extend overseas. The airline added that its fares would be lower than

those now offered by other companies. Both the Rainbow and the Stratocruiser are four-engine aircraft.* Passenger capacity of the Republic plane is 46, and that of the Boeing plane 80 (at night, 41 seats and 18 berths). Each ship has an operational range of 3,500 miles. Payload of the Rainbow is 11,600 pounds, and of the Stratocruiser 21,610 pounds.

*Complete descriptions of the Boeing Stratecruiser and the Republic Rainbow were published respectively in the January, 1945 and October, 1945 issues of AIR TRANSPORTATION.



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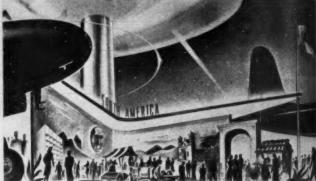
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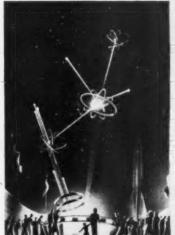
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* Spotlight on CLEVELAND









MODEL personal aircraft installation (above, left), showing facilities for both land and sea planes.

UNDER an air map of the world projected from the South Pole is the South American Section of the International Bazaar.

THE now universally recognized symbols of nuclear fission (left), an application of atomic energy to aircraft.

ROCKET symbolizing air travel of the future (left). This is the theme of the Engines-Accessories-Suppliers Section.

SHADES of Cleopatral Surrounded by all air transport types, in authoritic Egyptian atmosphere (below, left), is the Sphinx.

NOR are rotary wing aircraft forgotten. Shown here (below, right) are helicopters in various forms of operation.





WHEN the First Annual National Aircraft Show takes its bow in Cleveland on November 15-24, all the phases of American air power, air commerce, and the aircraft industry will be unveiled for the public. As it looks from this vantage point, the show will be a big-time affair—one which probably will take top position among all similar ventures to date.

The exhibitions are operated on a non-profit basis, responsible to a national show policy committee of the Aircraft Industries Association, Inc., national trade organization of the manufacturing industry. In addition to the AIA, the show is supported by the air, lines, Army, Navy, and all leading and independent aviation organizations.

What are the objectives of National Aircraft Shows? Among other things they will demonstrate:

1. The new significance of the airplane as an instrument of international policy.

2. The progress of international air transport.

3. Current aircraft, from experimental models, through personal planes, to giant transports.

4. The latest developments in aerial navigation, radar control, model facilities essential to the continued growth of all types of aircraft, radar-directed projectiles, etc.

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And if it's information on the latest developments in atomic research you want, there will be a section devoted to that, too.

In the formative stage are plans for a round-the-world flight starting and finishing in Cleveland, with a new speed record as the objective; and transcontinental jet plane flights with much the same hope in mind.

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BEECH Uncovers THE BONANZA

O quote Walter H. Beech, president of the Beech Aircraft Corporation: "The new Beechcraft Bonanza for the first time in aviation history incorporates in a single airplane the element of luxurious, high-speed transportation with an operating cost that is so low that anyone of even moderate financial means can afford to utilize the airplane for the solution of his transportation requirements."

The Bonanza (Model 35) is a fourplace, all-metal, low-wing, cantilever monoplane with fully retractable tricycle landing gear, solid cabin top, and full equipment. With a range of 750 miles, it cruises at 175 miles per hour. Payload is 780 pounds. It will be delivered, says Beech, complete for day and night flight.

In the company's research of the possible uses of the Bonanza as a business vehicle, some interesting cost breakdowns were brought to light. According to comparative travel cost statistics covering salaries of traveling personnel and direct transportation costs, if a firm pays an employe as much as \$96 a week, it can better afford to send him alone on a trip in a Bonanza with a paid pilot than to have him take a train to his destination. In the case of two traveling employes.



even if the earnings of each are as low as \$20 per week, it would be profitable for the company to utilize the plane than to send them by time-consuming surface means. Finally, three employes routed from plant to plant, or from city to city, could go in a Bonanza more cheaply than by rail coach, and the salary costs do not have to be taken into consideration.

"The Beechcraft is not a revolutionary new vehicle," says the company. "It will not present new problems for sociologists to solve. It will not revolutionize the life of a country. But, it does provide a new standard of personal transportation which has never previously been achieved. FUE: Gas cruis warn tien open norm

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"Like the early automobiles, previous airplanes of high performance have had an overall operating cost which has made their use prohibitive to the average citizen. When charter operators attempted to put them into service of the public, the high operating costs made the price per mile so unattractive that very few people could afford to use them. Thus the utility or the usage of the airplane was very low and this factor created an additional element in the high operating cost. The operator was forced to ask such high prices that his airplanes were used only in the most extreme emergencies or by people to whom cost was not an important factor. As a result of these conditions, the charter business never became an important one either to the operator or to anyone else."

The direct operating cost of the Bonanza, states Beech, when used approximately 100 hours per month, is less than 1½ cents per passenger-mile, counting three passengers and not including the pilot—which is something that will be eyed by charter and air taxi operators.

Selling price?—It's \$7,345 fly-away

Equipment?—Here's the low-down:

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ESTIMATED OPERATING COSTS OF THE BEECH BONANZA

	(Owner Operated)				- US # 1	
tem	Description	Per Year	300 Hours Per Year	600 Hours Per Year	900 Hours Per Year	Per Year
UEL COST Gaseline consumption based on 115 h.p.	Gasoline—10 gal. @ \$.22/gal	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.20
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ion estimated as .075 gallon per hour of peration and includes 20%, allowance for	TOTAL	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.29
ormal oil changes. EPRECIATION COST	Engine Depreciation Per Hour	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50
ngine depreciation based on 4000 hours ying time. Total depreciation of hull is	Hull Depreciation Per Hour		2.33	1.17	.78	\$ 1.00
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ar. Repair parts and minor overhaul cost ased on Beech records. Major overhaul	TOTAL	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.8
ased on 600 hours of operation.	Equipment insurance		\$ 2.45	\$ 1.23 .03	\$.82 .02	\$.6
quipment Insurance includes all risk and rash. Public Liability is on a \$25000,\$50000	Public Liability Property Damage Passenger Insurance	10	.05 .07 .20	.04	.03	.0
asis; Property Damage is for \$50000. Passen- er Liability is on \$10000 per seat for three sats.	TOTAL		\$ 2.77	\$ 1.40	\$.94	\$.6
		\$14.20	\$10.89	\$ 7.61	\$ 6.51	\$ 5.9
OTAL COST PER PASSENGER HOUR	. Passenger Hour Based on Four-Passenger basis	\$ 3.55	\$ 2.72	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.63	\$ 1.4
			\$ 0.073	\$ 0.051	\$ 0.043	\$ 0.0
DYAL COST PER PASSENGER MILE	Passenger Mile Based on *150 M.P.H. Av. Speed	. \$ 0.024	\$ 0.018	\$ 0.013	\$ 0.011	\$ 0.0
	(Owner Operated Commercial Service)					
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			\$ 0.084	\$ 0.056	\$ 0.047	\$ 0.0
OTAL COST PER REVENUE PASSENGER MILE						
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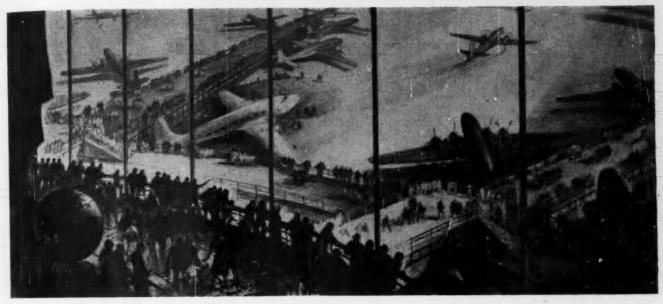
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By WILLIAM A. M. BURDEN
Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Air
United States Department of Commerce

"The Federal Government can only provide the opportunity—the community must grasp it."

THERE have been some who have criticized the National Airport Act as an unnecessary expenditure of public funds, and have even gone so far as to label it boondoogling. In answer to this I can only reiterate what I have said so many times before and have found to be incontrovertible.

Our system of landing facilities, if properly planned and constructed, will perform five primary functions of great importance to the future of the United States:

1. It will make possible the rapid and healthy growth of air transportation and private flying.

2. By helping to create these new industries it will strengthen our national economy.

3. It will contribute importantly to our national defense.

4. It will profoundly affect the life of our citizens for the better, possibly to an even greater extent than our highway system has done.

5. For the above four reasons and many others, it will provide the soundest possible kind of a public works program.

The importance of airports to air transportation is obvious.

There is no question that our airlines could not have reached their present state of development had not our airport system kept pace with their expansion. We have at present the best system of transport airports in the world but it must be modernized and expanded to meet the increasing requirements of a growing industry. It must have the benefit of the same process of constant improvement which our highway system is constantly undergoing as the mileage of hard surfaced roads is increased and two-lane highways are replaced by fourlane highways.

We all know that if additional towns are to receive air transportation new airports must be built, and most of us are aware that as the volume of traffic at present airline stops increases, many cities must provide additional runways either by enlarging their present airports or by building new ones.

If we are to have a successful civil aviation, we must have adequate airports and service facilities. It now generally is agreed that it is the responsibility of the Government to provide the airports, and of private enterprise to provide the servicing facilities. This

philosophy can be understood readily when phrased in familiar automotive terms.

No one would disagree with the fundamental axiom that it is the function of Government to build streets and highways and operate traffic lights, since these are for the universal benefit of the public. At the same time, we expect individual "entrepreneurs" to set up and operate the filling stations, garages, and other service agencies from which the public can make its own choice. It follows naturally that it is a legitimate expenditure of Government funds for governmental bodies to finance the construction of airports and air navigation aids, since these are the primary highways of the sky. Thus we now are enabled to create new sources of livelihood which obviously will inure to the benefit of each community where there is an airport.

The Federal Government can only provide the opportunity—the community must grasp it.

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THE FEDERAL AIRPORT ACT:

Some Questions and Answers

THE following excellent list of questions and answers on the Federal Airport Act has been prepared by the Airport Division of the American Road Builders'

Q. What amount of Federal aid has been authorized for airport development in the

A. \$500,000,000; to be spent over a seven-year period.

Q. How are Federal aid funds apportioned to the States?

A. On a population-area basis.

Q. Would Federal aid funds in addition to my State's apportionment be available for airport development in my State?

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Q. What would my State's apportionment be?

A. Approximately as shown in table. This is subject to slight modification due to greater apportionments made to States containing Indian lands.

Q. Has Congress appropriated funds for airport development under this authorization?

A. Yes.

Q. Have allocations of Federal aid funds been made to individual projects?

A. No.

O. Is my city eligible to receive Federal aid for airport development?

A. No city will be eligible to be granted Federal aid until the new Federal Airport Plan is formulated.

Q. When is the formulation of the new National Airport Plan to be completed,

A. About October 15, 1946.

Q. If my city was included in the National Airport Plan of 1944, would it thereby be eligible for Federal aid for airport development?

A. Not necessarily. However, inclusion of your city in the 1944 Plan will be taken into account along with other factors and other locations in the formulation of the National Airport Plan called for in the Act. The 1944 Plan was preliminary in nature, and was not intended to be final and definite in determination of the aeronautical needs of all locations.

Q. Would the Federal Government bear the entire expense of airport development

in my city?

A. No. If and when a grant agreement is made to extend Federal aid to your city, it would not exceed 50 percent of the allowable costs. It would not exceed 25 percent of cost of land requirements.

O. Would the Federal Government share in cost of air rights over and near our

A. Yes, to a certain extent, but only in cases where grant agreements are made.

Q. Might our city also expect State aid

in its airport development?

A. Certain states, but not all, grant some aid under certain conditions. Before going forward with airport development, sponsors of projects should explore the possibility of securing State aid. The information is readily available from State aviation authorities in States where such authorities are provided.

Q. Would my city receive credit for ex-

penses it might incur for land acquisition and planning for airport development even though no grant agreement had been made for Federal assistance?

Within limits, yes, if the expenses were incurred subsequent to May 13, 1946, and if and when a grant agreement is finally made.

Q. Would it be advantageous for our city to act jointly with our State in seeking Federal aid for airport development?

A. In the opinion of many, yes. Some States require that procedure.

Q. When will my city be scheduled to receive Federal aid for its airport development?

A. That will depend on the aeronautical needs of your city in relation to such needs at other locations.

O. How many acres would be required

for an airport at our city?

A. That would depend on a number of factors which could best be determined by an engineering study concerning prevailing winds, altitude, approach zones and prob able air traffic at your city. Before acquiring land for airport development such a study should be made by competent airport engineers. Some State aviation authorities are staffed to give this information.

Q. Could my city file an application for Federal aid for airport development, joining in with my countr or neighboring city,

or my State?

A. Yes. Such a procedure might be highly desirable. Your State aviation authorities would gladly discuss such a possibility.

Q. My city will have a Class 4 airport. Will it be possible for 1947 Federal aid

funds to apply to it?

A. The Federal Airport Act was a proved May 13, 1946—too late to enable the Administrator of CAA to comply with the Act's requirement that a list of Class 4 and larger airports where airport development is proposed, shall be submitted to Congress for its approval 60 days before the end of each fiscal year, which closes June 30. That being the case, Federal aid June 30. Inat being the case, rederal and funds for the 1947 fiscal year may not be spent on large airports. This condition, however, will probably be corrected by legislation which is now pending, permitting the Administrator to grant Federal assistance to such projects during the current fiscal year, doing so without Congressional approval.

Q. Does the Federal Airport Act permit Federal aid funds to be used for airport maintenance?

A. No. The Act requires that sponsors must assure the CAA Administrator that airports developed with the use of Federal aid funds will be maintained and suitably operated.

Q. Could a private individual or our Rotary Club sponsor an application for Federal aid for airport development at our

Sponsors must be a public A. No. agency, or two or more public agencies.

Q. Is the amount shown in 1944 National Airport Plan concerning estimated cost of airport development at my city regarded as a reliable estimate of present cost?

A. Estimates given in the 1944 National Airport Plan were preliminary in nature, and did not include all items involved in airport development. Therefore, a more careful study of current local conditions would be necessary to provide a current and complete estimate. Competent airport engineers could probably develop this

On the property of the second property of the port Plan now being formulated? (b) Who will formulate the plan?

A. (a) Sponsors of airport development projects might wish to communicate with their State aviation authorities who maintain close contacts with CAA officials.
(b) Final decisions in these matters will

be the responsibility of CAA.
Q. Would there be any advantage in sponsors taking up matter of airport development with CAA officials in Wash-

A. In general, such matters would be handled by CAA's district or division offices. Therefore, it would be best to handle these matters through your State aviation officials or CAA's regional office which handles such matters in your State.

Q. Could an airport at my city be made

self-sustaining?

A. A dogmatic "yes" or "no" type of answer is impossible. However, with efficient and aggressive management it could in time be made self-sustaining. Aside from a direct profit-or-loss standpoint, in-direct benefits from an airport as a public utility should be kept in mind. Principal non-flying sources of income are sale of aviation gasoline and oil, hangar and office rental, storage of planes, operation contracts and concessions.

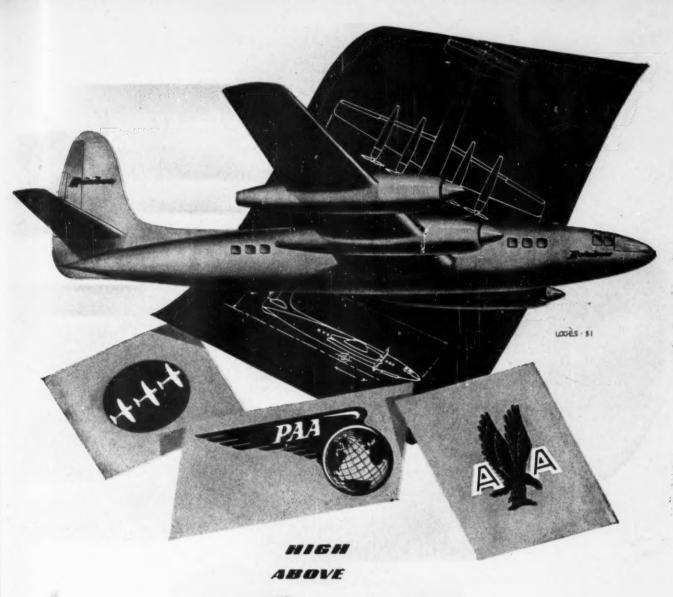
Q. Would it be necessary for my city to employ an airport manager?

A. A city might operate an airport dispersion of the control of

rectly by employing a manager, or it might act indirectly through a fixed base operator under an operator-manager contract.

Full Information

Because of the direct relationship of airports to air transportation, this magazirle has kept rigidly to a policy of reporting full developments on this allimportant phase of aviation. By turning the next page, a complete table of the State apportionments of Federal funds appropriated for the fiscal year 1947 will be found.



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FEDERAL-AID AIRPORT PROGRAM STATE APPORTIONMENTS OF FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1947

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Alabama	2,832,961	2.151573	331,587	52,169	1.684637	259,626	1.918105	591,213	20
Arizona	499,261	0.379178	58,437	113,909	3.678339	566,883	2.028758	625,320	16
rkansas	1,949,387	1.480518	228,168	53,102	1.714765	264,269	1.597642	492,437	3!
California	6,907,387 1,123,296	5.246013 0.853119	808,483 131,477	158,762 104,247	5.126728 3.366335	790,099 518,799	5.186370 2.109727	1,598,582 650,276	15
	1,709,242	1.298133	200,060		0.180253		0.739193	227,839	44
Connecticut	266,505	0.202405	31,193	5,582 2,407	0.180233	27,779 11,979	0.140066	45,172	4
Dist. of Columbia	663,091	0.503604	77,612	69	0.002228	343	0.252916	77,955	45
lorida	1,897,414	1.441045	222,085	60,295	1.947041	300,066	1.694043	522,151	35
Georgia	3,123,723	2.372401	365,620	58,924	1.902768	293,243	2.137585	658,863	1
daho	524,873	0.398630	61,434	83,557	2.698215	415,832	1.548422	477,266	31
llinois	7,897,241	5.997786	924,341	57,926	1.870541	288,276	3.934163	1,212,617	
Indiana	3,427,796	2.603338	401,210	36,519	1.179268	181,741	1.891303	582,951	21
owa	2,538,268	1.927760	297,094	56,280	1.817389	280,085	1.872574	577,179	2
Kansas	1,801,028	1.367842	210,803	82,276	2.656849	409,457	2.012346	620,260	18
Kentucky	2,845,627	2.161193	333,070	40,395	1.304432	201,031	1.732813	534,101	20
ouisiana	2,363,880	1.795316	276,683	49,539	1.599709	246,537	1.697513	523,220	3.
Maine	847,226	0.643450	99,164	34,317	1.108161	170,783	0.875805	269,947	4
Maryland	1,821,244 4,316,721	1.383196	213,170	12,303	0.397287	61,227	0.890241	274,397	43
Massachusetts	4,310,721	3.278457	505,255	9,216	0.297602	45,865	1.788030	551,120	26
Michigan	5,256,106	3,991900	615,207	96,791	3.125566	481,693	3.558733	1,096,900	1
Minnesota	2,792,300	2.120692	326,828	86,280	2.786146	429,383	2.453419	756,211	10
Mississippi	2,183,796	1.658546	255,605	48,272	1.558795	240,232	1.608671	495,837	34
Missouri	3,784,664 559,456	2.874372 0.424895	442,980 65,482	69,674 147,138	2.249906 4.751367	346,741 732,251	2,562139 2,588131	789,721 797,733	9
Nebraska	1,315,834	0.999348	154,013	77,237	2.494130	384,380	1.746739	538,393	2
Nevada	110,247	0.083730	12,904	110,540	3.569548	550,115	1.826639	563,019	2
New Hampshire	491,524	0.373302	57,531	9,304	0.300444	46,303	0.336873	103,834	4
New Jersey	4,160,165	3.159556	486,931	8,220	0.265439	40,908	1.712497	527,839	2
New Mexico	531,818	0.403904	62,247	121,666	3.928827	605,488	2.166365	667,735	13
New York	13,479,142	10.237120	1,577,681	53,952	1.742213	268,499	5.989666	1,946,180	
North Carolina	3,571,623	2.712571	418,044	52,712	1.702171	262,328	2.207371	680,372	1
North Dakota	641,935	0.487536	75,136	70,665	2.281908	351,673	1.384722	426,809	3
Ohio	6,907,612	5.246184	808,509	44,679	1.442770	222,351	3.344477	1,030,860	
Oklahoma	2,336,434	1.774472	273,471	69,919	2.257818	347,961	2.016145	621,432	1
Oregon	1,089,684	0.827592	127,543	97,029	3.133252	482,877	1.980422	610,420	1
Pennsylvania	9,900,180	7.518975	1,158,779	46,068	1.487624	229,263	4.503299	1,388,042	
Rhode Island	713,346 1,899,804	0.541771 1.442861	83,494	1,228	0.039654	6,111	0.290713 1.225071	89,605 377,601	4
South Carolina	642,961	0.488315	222,365 75,256	31,193 77,047	1.007281 2.487995	155,236 383,434	1.488155	458,690	3
Tennessee	2,915,841	2.214519	341,288	42,246	1.364204	210,243	1.789361	551,531	2
Texas		4.871922	750,830	267,346	8.633113	1,330,481	6.752518	2,081,311	
Utah	550,310	0.417949	64,412	84,916	2.742100	422,595	1.580025	487,007	3
Vermont	359,231	0.272828	42,047	9,609	0.310293	47,820	0.291560	89,867	4
Virginia	2,677,773	2.033711	313,423	42,326	1.366787	210,641	1.700249	524,064	3
Washington		1.318600	203,214	70,589	2.279453	351,295	1.799027	554,509	
West Virginia	1,901,974	1.444509	222,619	24,181	0.780851	120,340	1.112680	342,959	1
Wisconsin		2.382930	367,242	66,216	2.138241	329,532	2.260586	696,774	1
Wyoming	250,742	0.190433	29,348	97,914	3.161830	487,281	1.676132	516,629	3
Net	total for projects	in the United S	States	*********			*********	\$43,260,00	00
Administr	rative Expenses.	5%					\$ 2.163.0		
Discretion	nary Fund, 25%	of balance					10,274,		
								12,437,25	50
For apportion	ment for projects	in the States a	ccording to Popul	ation Ratio				375	
							15,411,		

AIR--X--PRESS

Air express this month begins its 20th year of service to the American shipping public. Established on September 1, 1927, over four pioneer airlines reaching only 26 cities, this air shipping service now operates over 21 regularly-scheduled domestic airlines with direct service to more than 375 airport cities in the U. S. and Canada. International air express, entering its 13th year, extends the service to most foreign countries, with additional points being added almost daily.

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FROM CRADLE DAYS

Today's modern four-engined passenger speeding shipments over 61,000 route miles daily, are in striking contrast to the single-engined, open cockpit bi-planes that carried "mail and express only" in 1927. The intrepid pilots who flew those fragile ships—without benefit of weather reports or other safeguards— had to be personally "on the beam" every minute if they hoped to put their cargoes down safely at the widely-separated, illequipped airports of aviation's cradle days.

From its beginning 19 years ago, the service has been handled for the regularly-scheduled domestic airlines by the Air Express Division of Railway Express Agency. Through its 23,000 offices all over the U. S., the agency expedites shipments moving by air or air-rail express between the 375 airport cities and the "off-airline" points. Its 16,000 motor trucks pick-up and deliver the shipments, and the agency's personnel dispatches traffic on the first available plane to destination.

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The first full year of operation (1928) saw only 17,000 shipments handled; total weight, 60,000 pounds. In record-breaking 1945, the total was 2,146,650 shipments weighing 40,126,755 pounds. Today air express is averaging 225,000 shipments monthly, about 30 per cent ahead of 1945, and is speeding scarce concurrence. and is speeding scarce consumer goods from manufacturers to dealers' shelves as American business and industry compete for peacetime markets.

HIGHLIGHTS

Other milestones as air express begins

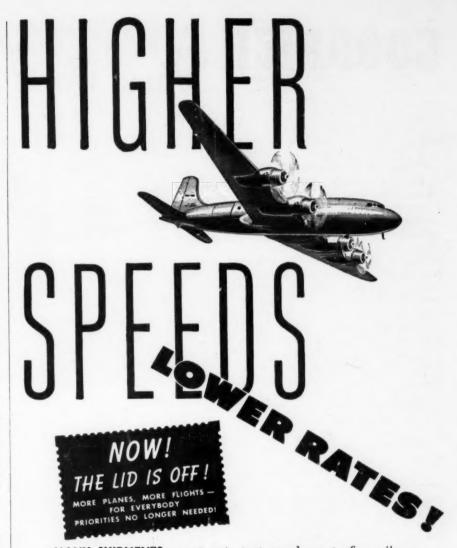
its 20th year of progress include: August 1, 1934—International air express service started.

February, 1936-Eight additional domestic airlines join the pioneer organization to form a unified, nation-wide air shipping

June. 1942-Air priority system established to insure the uninterrupted movement of vital war material.

July, 1943—Air express rates reduced 121/2 percent.

January, 1946-Rates reduced 13 per-



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GOODRICH Shows the Way

T takes quick thinking to keep up with the pace of business nowadays," remarked a member of the B. F. Goodrich organization in Akron, Ohio, recently. He illustrated his point with the following story:

"Yesterday, around noon, one of our executives told me that he and some others were going to Louisville, Kentucky, and asked if there were anything they could do or find out for me while there. I couldn't think of anything then, but later in the day a question came up in connection with one of the synthetic rubber plants our company has been operating for the Government down there. That evening I happened to run across this man again at a hotel, and in the course of conversation I said to him:

"'By the way, there's something now that you can find out for me when you go to Louisville.'

"'Hell, we've already been there,' he replied.

"They had made the round trip in one of the company's private planes and transacted their business in Louisville practically in an afternoon's working time."

It took quick work during the war for executives of the company to keep on top of the war production emergencies of a great organization operating some 15 different plants in points as far apart as Cadillac, Michigan, and Texarkana, or Watertown, Massachusetts, and Los Angeles, California, and be on call for urgent war conferences in Washington and elsewhere. There wasn't always time to go by train, even if reservations were available, or to wait for priorities on war-crowded commercial airlines. It was for these reasons that Goodrich, in May, 1945, purchased and placed in service a twin-engined Lockheed Lodestar, which had been used as a private transport plane by an Army general.

In 12 months in Goodrich service this plane flew more than 112,000 miles, over 24 states, and over Cuba, Mexico. and Canada. It averaged 52 hours of flying per month, and has transported 822 passengers.

That the end of the war did not put a stop to the usefulness of this industrial adventure in privately operated air transportation is apparent from the fact that the company now has added a second plane—a high speed Beechcraft cabin plane, which was purchased and



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BUSINESS FLIGHT—Factory officials boarding a Goodrich transport plane (top) which will take them to one of the company's outlying plants . . . In service—The Beechcraft plane (below) used by company men on their regular business rounds. A Lockheed Lodestar is also in the service of Goodrich.

placed in service early in March.

With the purchase of the Lodestar the B. F. Goodrich Company became the first firm in the rubber industry to own a plane for the purpose of connecting its various branch plants and district offices. The company also was the first in the industry—1929—to buy a plane for the purpose of testing tires, wheels, etc. The company's two present planes are not used for testing nor for any experimental purpose but only to provide transportation for top executives or others whom they may designate, and strictly for business reasons.

The Lodestar has a top speed of 265 miles an hour, cruises at 200, and lands at 80. Fully loaded, it weighs 10 tons, and can carry fuel for a 10-hour flight. It carries enough fuel for a trip to England, and such a trip is, in fact, tentatively planned. It can go nonstop from Akron to Miami, and from New York to Miami, which it makes in five hours and 23 minutes.

Powered by two Wright Cyclone 1250 horsepower engines, the Lodestar has an automatic pilot and an automatic direction finder. As an airline transport, this plane carried a crew of three

and 14 passengers, but in the rubber company's service it is limited to 10 passengers and two pilots. As it is used mostly in daytime flights, there are no beds, but the plane carries one nine-foot couch and all chairs are of the reclining variety, equipped with ottomans.

The new Beechcraft also is a twinengine job, P&W Juniors of 450 horsepower furnishing the power. One of Beechcraft's newest planes, built since the war and with many innovations developed during the war, it has a cruising speed of 175 miles per hour.

Most frequent user of the planes is the company's president, John L. Collyer. In addition to the demands upon his personal attention that would naturally arise in an organization with branch plants and district offices in all parts of the country, Collyer has been one of the foremost advisers to the Government in connection with the wartime rubber emergency. Last year he participated in two International Rubber Study Conferences at the request of the State Department, and served the Government for several weeks as special director of rubber programs for the War Production Board. With rubber the most critical supply problem of the war, many urgent visits to Washington on short notice were necessary.

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omatic transf three For such purposes the company plane, which could make the trip from the rubber capital to the nation's capital in an hour and 11 minutes, proved well-nigh indispensable. It enabled Collyer on more than one occasion to fly from Akron to Washington for a morning conference, on to New York City for luncheon and a busy afternoon, and back home to Akron in the evening.

Seats for Vets

Vice presidents T. G. Graham, J. J. Newman, and George W. Vaught are also extensive users of the company airplanes and make the planes available to other executives when urgent business indicates their need. During the war and the subsequent "homecoming" period, empty seats were always given to servicemen.

Mr. Vaught has expressed the opinion that the first plane paid for itself within two months in time saved and mental strain avoided. Obviously it is a great advantage for executives to arrive at important conferences involving huge amounts of money with fresh minds and without travel fatigue.

There is no doubt of the importance of the planes from a time-saving standpoint. The trip from the company's main plant in Akron to one of its newest plants in Miami, Oklahoma, for example, takes 27 hours by rail, but can be made by company plane in three hours and 19 minutes. On a trip from Akron to the Canadian branch plant in Kitchener, Ontario, it took an hour and five minutes to fly from Akron to Toronto, and an hour and 50 minutes to go to Kitchener by automobile, the landing field at Kitchener having been considered too small for landing. The plane almost invariably beats the telegrams sent to Akron to keep the home office informed of its whereabouts.

It is iron-clad policy that safety comes first in the operation of the planes. Performance and the keeping of appointments must be sacrificed when safety considerations dictate.

From the time a flight is requested until it is completed, all decisions as to time of flight or whether or not to undertake the flight are in the hands of the pilots. Each plane has a pilot and copilot and both accompany the plane on each trip. Manning the Lodestar are Chief Pilot Tom Kennedy and Hume Earnest; and of the Beechcraft plane, Fred K. Dick and Carl Schultz—all men with extensive flying experience. They are required to fly at least two hours on instruments each month and to take medical examinations every six months.





(Trade Mark)

UNITED AIR LINES has announced that it has placed an order with the Boeing Aircraft Company for seven Stratocruisers at a cost of \$11,000,000. The four-engined, double-decked planes will be delivered to the airline beginning in the fall of next year.

Capital Airlines-PCA has applied to the Civil Aeronautics Board for an extension of its existing routes for the purpose of operating regularly scheduled shipments of mail and cargo across the continent.

American Airlines de Mexico will spend some \$400,000 to improve the airport at Monterrey and to equip it suitably for the operation of four-engine aircraft.

Three hundred sidewalk bicycles were recently flown from Los Angeles to St. Louis by Mercury Airfreight. St. Louis Christmas shoppers, please note.

Comparisons between foreign and domestic air systems were drawn in a recent address by Fowler Barker, editor and former secretary of the Air Transport Association, before membes of the Airlines Traffic Club of New York.

Development of airplane-to-land telephone using airborne radio has been disclosed by the radio division of Bendix Aviation Corporation. An installation has been made in a Lockheed Lodestar owned by the Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware.

An Air Cargo Transport C-47, piloted by H. Roy Penzell, president, was the first plane to leave the Mansfield (Ohio) Municipal Airport after the close of dedication ceremonies. It carried a complete Westinghouse combination kitchen and laundry for use in a forthcoming motion picture.

Pan American World Airways' certificate has been amended by the CAB to include Dublin as an intermediate stop on the New York-London route, and Frankfurt as an intermediate stop on the United States-Brussels-Prague route. Application to serve Paris as well as Spanish cities other than Barcelona has been denied.

The XS-1, first pilot-carrying plane designed to travel faster than sound, has been constructed by Bell Aircraft for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics as a research tool to probe the realm of supersonic flight.

Air mail service has been inaugurated by the Canadian Postal Administration on a new route between Toronto, Ontario, and Cleveland, Ohio, via London, Ontario. Under the terms of a directive issued by the **War Assets Administration**, 38 Douglas *Skymasters* will be made available to airlines for use in overseas service.

Trans World Airline has expanded its agency agreement with the American Express Company to include representation in 35 foreign cities. TWA will now be represented by the express company's offices in Europe, Middle East, India, Central and South America, British Isles, and the Orient.

The New York State Aviation Council will hold its annual meeting in Buffalo on October 4-5. Chairman of the Program and Arrangements Committee is John W. Van Allen, with James Graham, C. A. (Casey) Jones, Ralph Barton, and Charles O'Connor as assistants.

Reynolds Pen Company reports that 50,000 of its ball-point pens recently were air expressed from Chicago to India. It was flown by TWA to Cairo and then transshipped to Karachi.

According to Francisco Pignatari, president of Companhia Aeronautica Paulista of Brazil, American-made instruments and materials will go into the making of the new three-seater, Dream Plane. The company is the largest lightplane producer in South America.

Pan American World Airways will pay commissions to travel agents amounting to approximately \$500,000 in 1946, according to V. E. Chenea, vice president and general traffic manager. Chenea estimated that total sales of tickets throughout district offices would be \$25,000,000 for the year.

At the seventeenth annual conference of the American Association of Airport Executives, Woodruff De Silva of Los Angeles, California, was elected president; Neil Brackstone of Lansing, Michigan, first vice president; Hervey Law of Washington, D. C., second vice president; Douglas Langstaff of New Orleans, Louisiana, third vice president; and Pat Moore of Peoria, Illinois, executive secretary. The new directors elected were: Chas. E. Hanst, Dallas, Texas; Matt Ryan of Marshall, Minnesota; Al Near of Louisville, Kentucky; John Randolph of St. Louis, Missouri; and F. L. Bayley of Fargo, North Dakota.

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Air Cargo Transport Corporation has contracted to fly 250,000 crates of avocados from Cuba to the United States. About six plane loads a day leave Havana for Miami, and the shipments are expected to continue for some time.

The Airquipment Company, manufacturers of ground handling equipment and special tools for aircraft, has moved to new and larger quarters at 2820 Ontario Street, Burbank, California.

SMOOTH AS SILK



Wearing its new trade mark, insignia, and color scheme, this Chicago and Southern Air Lines DC-4 transport points up the last word in passenger comfort. The 50-passenger plane boasts the highest speed for this type of plane (it cruises at 265 miles per hour, and offers such extra conveniences as a public address system and a moving information panel designed to give interesting travel data to passengers. The C & S Skymaster is the first commercial aircraft equipped with Eclipse-Pioneer all-electronic automatic pilot. The airline will inaugurate service on the first of its authorized Latin American routes this fall. Flights will operate between Chicago and Havana, with St. Louis, Memphis, and New Orleans as intermediate points. Service will also be offered between Houston and the Cuban capital city. Awaiting approval by the respective governments involved are two additional routes: Havana to Caracas, via Kingston, Aruba, and Curacao; and Havana to San Juan, via Camaguey, Port-au-Prince, and Ciudad Trujillo.

Republic Aviation Corporation has reached an agreement with the War Assets Administration to lease for five years, with option to buy, the Government-owned aircraft plant facilities and airport at Farmingdale, Long Island.

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Construction has begun on an aerial country club, to be located 15 minutes from downtown Portland, Oregon. The club, to be operated by Skylife, Inc., will provide hangar facilities for 500 airplanes, hotel accommodations for visiting airmen and their guests, and access to its tennis courts, swimming pool, and baseball diamond.

Twelve Martin 303 planes, six Douglas DC-6s and five additional Douglas DC-4 craft have been bought by Braniff International Airways at a total cost, including maintenance equipment, of \$10,000,000.

Delta Air Lines has signed contracts for a \$1,000,000 expansion which will more than double its present general offices and maintenance facilities at the Atlanta Municipal Airport. DAL's present building was constructed in 1940-41, when the company moved its general offices from Monroe, Louisiana, at which time personnel totaled 350. Today more than 2,400 are on the payroll.

The Gloster Meteor, British jet plane, has cracked the world's speed record again—unofficially. Group Captain E. M. Donaldson, pilot of the plane, said his ship attained a top speed of 619 miles an hour. The official mark is 606 miles an hour.



A protest against the CAB's proposed exclusion of Hawaii from the areas which may be served by non-scheduled air carriers from the mainland has been lodged by the Matson Navigation Company. Matson is conducting a non-scheduled, common carrier air service between the United States and Hawaii.

Trans Caribbean Air Cargo Lines has signed an agreement with Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazilian airline, whereby the two carriers will feed each other international traffic for further transportation in their respective territories. There also will be mutual acceptance of international airway bills for greater facility in freight service.



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NEW YORK'S

Airports Headache

F adequate facilities are to be provided to handle New York City's share of the expected increase of air traffic in the metropolitan area, Idlewild Airport will have to be completed by the Summer of 1950—four years ahead of schedule. This finding was contained in the highly publicized Madigan-Hyland report on the future air traffic in the New York area, which was made public by Mayor William D. O'Dwyer.

The report stated that immediate construction of separate smaller fields for itinerant and non-scheduled planes would relieve the extreme pressure if the quarter-billion-dollar Idlewild project would be put off until the original schedule date (July 1, 1954).* Although the availability of Floyd Bennett Field had not been taken into account in the report, Mayor O'Dwyer had forecast the reopening of the Navy field to commercial operations. Meanwhile, the Port of New York Authority has appointed four expert consultants to its staff on its survey of Idlewild, LaGuardia, and Floyd Bennett Airports: Hervey F. Law, Albert E. Blomquist, Thomas P. Smith, and J. Earl Steinhauer.

Begun in February, the Madigan-Hyland survey will be issued in three separate reports. Two more are awaited, the second dealing with the physical aspects of airport facilities; and the third with revenues, expenses, and general financing.

Mayor O'Dwyer is reported as con-

vinced of the fact that even the combined facilities of Idlewild and La-Guardia will not be sufficient to handle the anticipated air traffic. It was for this reason that he sought President Truman's aid in persuading the Navy Departments to make the Floyd Bennett facilities available to the city. The mayor has reasoned that some method must be found now to finance the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and operation of all city airports without impairing municipal borrowing power within the constitutional limit.

Effect Scouted

Some feel that the survey by the Port Authority will have an effect on the findings to be contained in the two forthcoming Madigan-Hyland reports, but neither the mayor nor his associates have made any comment on this score.

The report just aired by O'Dwyer estimates that for the 1946-55 period, air traffic at Idlewild and LaGuardia will climb steadily. In 1955, the total arrivals and departures at the two fields

"A special issue of AIR TRANSPORTATION devoted to Idlewild Airport was published in December, 1945, giving the most complete and authentic information on New York City's giant airport published anywhere to date. Among the numerous articles were ones written by the then Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia; Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick; James C. Buckley, chief, Bureau of Planning and Statistics, Port of New York Authority; M. F. Redfern, secretary, Air Transport Association; and Emery F. Johnson, secretary of the Air Cargo Section of the latter organization.

would be 974,500, with passengers reaching the high level of 15,643,200. Writing in AIR TRANSPORTATION last December, former Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick estimated the total number of arrivals and departures at Idlewild alone during the 1955-56 period at 600,310, rising to 698,164 in the 1960-61 period. In 1955-56, he expected 17, 289,000 passengers to use Idlewild's facilities, and 22,621,000 in 1960-61.

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Madigan-Hyland went into every phase of air traffic, including its present status and future growth in relation to surface land travel. Also included in the report was an account of operations at LaGuardia, Newark, and other airports in the metropolitan area. The figures were based upon a study of country-wide surveys with a proportionate allocation to the New York area. The extensive table accompanying this article provides graphic estimates of air travel and air cargo.

One striking portion of the report noted that there was a complete absence of figures on the number of passengers arriving and departing at La-Guardia Airport. It stated:

"This is the basic element to be considered in airport planning, but more than six years of operation have been allowed to elapse without any record being kept."

The estimates contained in the Madigan-Hyland report are concededly on the conservative side. It stated that its figures on future air cargo transport might be greatly exceeded, in which case the problem of adequate ground facilities and the construction of separate air freight terminals would come to the fore.



IDLEWILD—The Hugh Ferris drawing of the giant airport showing general view from an elevation of 3,000 feet. Original architects were Delano and Aldrich.

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Estimated % of Nat. Originating, N. Y Estimated Rev. Pass. Originating, N. Y.	14%	15%	.16%	16%		16%	16%	16%	16%	16%
Est. Rev. Pass. Originating and Terminating, New York	3,600,000	5,050,000	6,700,000	8,000,000	10,250,000	11,300,000	12,800,000	13,750,000	15,150,000	17,850,000
Above)	200,000	250,000	350,000	400,000	500,000	550,000	650,000	650,000	750,000	900,000
Departing Passengers		5,300,000			10,750,000					
Average Seats Per Plane Load Factor Total Domestic Passenger Planes	$25.5 \\ 85\%$	31 75%	65%	38 65%	65%	40 65%	65%	$\frac{42}{65\%}$	65%	65%
Arriving and Departing New York Area.	175,320	227,960	293,140	340,080	424,060	455,770	504,690	527,470	582,420	670,84
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New York	123,600	157,000	199,200	254,200		393,000	448,500	521,400		653,80
Average Seats Per Plane	75%	7007	65%	49		65%	54	55 65%	56 65%	65%
Load Factor	3,740	70% $4,980$	6,520	65% 7,980	65% 10,040	11,400	65% 12,780	14,580	16,080	17,64
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New York.	150,000	208,400	238,400	331,400	424,400	468,000	531,000	568,400	627,000	739,40
Average Seats Per Plane	25.5	31	37	38	39	40	41	42	42	4
Load Factor N. Y. Area Arriving and Departing Planes.	6,920	75% 8,960	65% 9,910	65% 13,410		65% 18,000			65% 22,960	
Total International Passenger Planes Arriving and Departing New York Area	10,660	13,940	16,430	21,390	26,780	29,400	32,700	35,400	39,040	44,09
C) Total Domestic and International Passengers Arriving and Departing New York Area	4,073,600	5,665,400	7,487,600	8,985,600	11,507,400	12,711,000	14,429,500	15,489,800	17,112,400	20,143,20
D) Total Domestic and International Passenger Planes Arriving and Departing N.Y. Area	185,980	241,900	309,570	361,470	450,840	485,170	537,390	562,870	621,460	714,98
E) Express, Freight and Mail					-					
Domestic Express and Freight Est. Nat. Express and Freight (Tons) Estimated % of National Departing	236,300	279,200	339,200	407,000	526,300	677,000	850,500	1,045,900	1,262,600	1,500,00
New York Area Estimated Tonnage Departing N.Y. Area	10% 23,630	10% 27,920	$10\% \ 33,920$	10% 40,700				10% 104,590		
Estimated Tons Arriving and Departing New York Area Per Cent of Express and Freight Arriv-	47,260	55,840	67,840	81,400	105,260	135,400	170,100	209,180	252,520	300,00
ing and Departing New York Area: By Passenger Planes.	50%	50%	50%	45%	40%	37%	34%	31%	28%	25%
By All-Cargo Planes Tons of Express and Freight Arriving	50%			55%						
and Departing New York Area: By Passenger Planes	23,630	27,920	33,920	36,630	42,100	50,100	57,830	64,840	70,700	75,00
By All-Cargo Planes	23,630		33,920	44,770	63,160					
(Tons) Average Load Factor per All-Cargo Plane	$\frac{3.2}{80\%}$	3.9 80%		5.3 80%	6.0 80%					809
Total All-Cargo Planes Arriving and Departing New York Area	9,230	8,950	9,220	10,560	13,160	16,660	20,640	24,720	29,520	34,72
Domestic Mail Estimated National Mail Arriving and										
Departing (Tons) Estimated % of National Arriving and	32,350									71
Departing New York Area Tons of Mail Arriving and Departing	30.2%						,			
New York Area by Passenger Planes Overseas Express and Freight	9,770	12,476	13,682	14,852	15,974	21,086	22,302	25,240	26,966	28,30
Estimated Tons Express and Freight Arriving and Departing New York	3,668	4,424	5,482	7,084	10,030	13,740	19,564	28,400	43,060	53,30
Estimated All-Cargo Planes Arriving and Departing New YorkOverseas Mail	120	180	240	360	480	720	960	1,200	1,450	1,70
Tons of Mail Arriving and Departing New York Area by Passenger Planes .	1,400	1,520	1,660	1,890	2,136	2,590	3,060	3,560	4,070	4,16
Total Cargo Domestic and Overseas Tons of Express, Freight and Mail	69.000	74 260	90 664	105 996	127 000	170 014	914 000	988 400	200 440	205 74
Arriving and Departing New York Area Total All-Cargo Planes Domestic and Overseas Arriving and				105,226						
Departing New York Area	9,350			10,920	13,640	17,380	21,600	25,920	30,970	36,42
(F) Total Domestic, International and Overseas P	assenger a 195,330			372,390	464,480	502,550	558,990	588,790	652,430	751,35

ew Routes

NEW routes to Alaska, the Orient, and Australia have been established as the result of President Truman's approval of the Civa Aeronautics Board's decision in the Pacific Case.

In its decision the CAB authorized two routes to the Orient: one via the great circle route across the North Pacific into Tokyo, Seaul, Shanghai, and Manila; the other across the Central Pacific via Hono-lula, Midway, Tokyo, Shanghai, and Hong

The Northern route will be operated via the Seattle gateway as well as via the Chicago-Minneapolis gateway which also includes New York as a co-terminal point. San Francisco and Los Angeles have been designated as co-terminal points on the Central route. This had the effect of also establishing two new routes to Alaskaone from Seattle and one from the Chicago gateway-as well as intralaskan service from Juneau to Anchorage.

Northwest Airlines was authorized to operate over the great circle route via the North Pacific from both the Chicago and Seattle gateways. Authorization was given to NWA to operate from the co-terminal points New York and Chicago via Edmonton, Canada, to Anchorage, Alaska, and from the terminal point Seattle to Anchorage. age, and thence beyond Anchorage to Tokyo, Shanghai, and points in Manchuria and Eastern China to Manila.

Pan American Airways was authorized

to extend its Central Pacific route from Midway Island to Tokyo, Shanghai, and Hong Kong and from Manila to Saigon, Singapore, and Batavia, and was granted the right to operate from Honolulu to Wake Island direct. PAA's present cer-tificate on its Central Pacific route was further amended extending it from Hong Kong via Saigon, French Indo-China, Bangkok, Thailand, and Rangoon, Burma. to Calcutta, where connections will be made with Pan American's North Atlantic route. The airline was also authorized to extend its South Pacific route from Noumea, New Calcdonia, to Sydney, Australia. Further permission was granted consolidating the existing PAA United States-Alaska routes into one route, designating Seattle and Fairbanks as terminal points and Ketchikan, Juneau, Whitchorse, Burwash Landing and Tanacross as intermediate points.

By authorizing NWA to operate between the United States and the Orient, the Board also created new routes between Seattle and Anchorage and between New York and Chicago and Anchorage. establishing these routes to Alaska from the United States the CAB recognized the traffic needs of Alaska and indicated that if the combined services of PAA's existing United States-Alaska route and NWA' newly authorized routes "do not meet the demands of the territory, the Board is not powerless to remedy the situation. Under sections 404 and 1002 of the Act we are in a position to compel adequacy of service. Further, since no international complications are involved, an additional carrier can be authorized at any time and the

Board can and will act promptly if the existing service proves inadequate." In-tralaskan service was also extended by amending the certificate of Pacific North ern Airlines, enabling that carrier to operate from Anchorage to Juneau via Cordova and Yakutat.

In addition to the new round-the-world route of Pan American, the Board permitted TWA to extend its North Atlantic route from Bombay, India, via Calcutta, Mandalay, Burma, Hanoi, French Indo-China, and Canton, China, to Shanghai, where connections will be made with the newly authorized Pacific routes, thus estab. lishing in effect a second United States flag round-the-world service.

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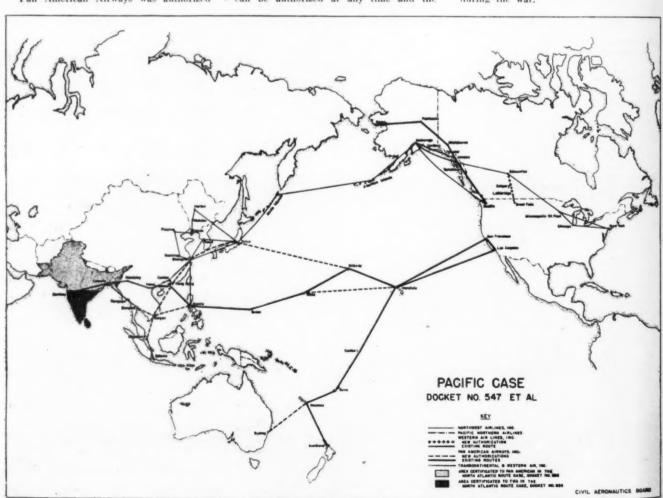
Western Air Lines was authorized by the Board to extend its Route No. 52 from Lethbridge, Canada, to Edmonton via Calgary, Canada, thus making possible connections with NWA's great circle route to

the Orient.

Universal Airways Buys 7 Boeing 314 Seaplanes

Seven surplus Boeing 314 flying boats have been purchased from the War Assets Administration by Universal Airways. The sale price was revealed as \$352,000.

The planes were put up for sale by WAA on a competitive bid basis, and Universal's offer was the highest received. Acceptance of this bid has been approved by the Department of State. Spare engines and parts go with the planes, which had been used in overseas service by the Navy during the war.



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IT'S AN HOW WORLD

By L. A. GOLDSMITH, Economic Analyst, AIR TRANSPORTATION

A UNIQUE series of meetings took place at International House in New York City, during the week from August 21-28 inclusive. These meetings were officially designated as a World Congress on Air Age Education, sponsored by Air Age Education Research, in cooperation with a number of educational institutions; universities; departments of public instruction; agricultural and mechanical colleges; public, private, and parochial schools.

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The effect of these meetings should have far-reaching results in developing an understanding of the

impact of the Air Age and air transportation on the peoples of the world, and especially on today's growing-up generation.

Three hundred and five delegates, representing 97 educational institutions came from 50 countries, including our own. The delegates, speakers, and audience represented many fields of aviation and education. From aviation were airplane manufacturers, airline of-

ficials, air cargo specialists, military experts, aviation economists, and air attaches from foreign countries. The educational delegates were just as varied and interesting, representing not only professional educators, but many other differentiations, widely divergent and distinctly practical rather than academic. Professors of social studies mingled with economists and international relations experts, as well as with specialists on geography and physiology.

Among the educators were a number of Catholic nuns. One of these, Sister Lawrence Marie, supervisor of the Archdiocese of New York, had already altered her syllabus on the teaching of history and geography to conform more closely to Air Age requirements. She had come to the Congress to orient herself on the possibility of further changes in the curricula which might be necessary for adaptation to the evolutionary forces of today's air developments; checking up on the changes she had already made and might wish to make.

Progressive thought was evident everywhere, and closed minds seemed to be conspicuous by their absence. From the Western States were many delegates and Oklahoma was especially well represented. One of the Oklahoma educators, Agnes M. Drewry of Sapulpa, is the director of elementary education and instructional materials for her city. Her eager interest in all phases of the Congress, augurs well for the future airmindness of the youthful pupils who will have the benefit of her Air Age educational planning.

Also from Oklahoma the Congress welcomed a vigorous young Flying Farmer, Gene McGill, past president (at the age of 31) of the National Flying Farmers Association. He has been flying since the age of 25 and owns four personal planes which he uses to advantage in modern agricultural developments on his 6,000-acre farm. His planes include two Aeroncas, one Piper Cruiser, and a Cessna.

In this Cessna, McGill, accompanied by his attractive young wife, Vada, who is also a flyer and his co-pilot, flew to the Congress in a leisurely hop of 11 hours and 40 minutes, at a transportation cost of about \$12. They have two young daughters aged three and four, who have been flying with their parents since each was six weeks old.



It is impossible in this short space to cover all the varied personalities, places and projects which were virtually catapulted into a listening group, avidly intent on glimpsing the potentialities of the rapidly changing aspects of life in this air world. The kaleidoscopic speed of the ideas presented at each stimulating thought-provoking session were almost too much for the mortal mind to grasp all at once. But the ideas will sink in later, and some of these will stick. That is the real objective of the Congress, and this goal was concisely phrased by Dr. N. L. Engelhardt, director of Air Education Research, when he opened the meetings with this statement:

"Air is the only natural resource common to all men! Therefore its use and our attitudes about it are of common concern to people everywhere. That is the reason for having a World Congress on Air Education."

Another underlying thought which ran through all the sessions, almost as a muted theme song, is well described by the following comments which originated from an English woman, Professor Eva Taylor, formerly of the University of London. She was not present at International House, but her thoughts were quoted by Dr. F. C. Bishop, adviser on geography to the British Ministry of Education:

"The revolution in accessibility can transform humanity into 2,000 million enemies, or alternatively into 2,000 million neighbors."

One of those "2,000 million neighbors," Group Captain William Garing, of Australia, was the delegate who had traveled the greatest distance. China was ably represented by two exceptional speakers, Dr. Chih Meng, director of the China Institute in America; and B. A. Liu, director of the Chinese Ministry of Information in Canada. Great Britain had two aviation specialists: Sir William P. Hildred, director general of IATA, and Peter Masefield, civil air attache at the British Embassy in Washington.

The United States had a roster of topflight leaders who spoke before the Congress, among whom were Gill Robb Wilson, Wayne Parrish, C. R. Smith, W. T. Piper, Joseph Geuting, and J. A.

Wilson delivered a notable keynote address, holding the listeners spellbound. His sincerity, knowledge, and feeling on the importance of the change aviation has brought to the people of

the world, is imposing. Mortal When he tells you that Target "man is the target for tomorrow," that "civilization is struggling for its life," and that the "fate of such civilization will rest with you,"

somehow one is given a sense of personal responsibility. When he points out that "if the 25 key men who saw the impact of the air forces had been taken out of world politics, the world today would have been under complete Hitler control," you realize how close was our escape.

In his address, Parrish started out somewhat mildly with the statement that "in the field of commercial air transport we have seen a growth within the past few years that is nothing short of staggering." But then came the fireworks:

"The range and speed of new airplanes to be available starting next year will bring the world to our doorsteps, provided other nations who do not want us to fly freely about the world do not put too many obstacles in front of us. The British, particularly, are not anxious to give us the freedom of schedules that commercial operations and a free people require. Although our country came to a very suitable and fair agree ment with the British at Bermuda this Spring, there is reason to believe that the British are blocking our efforts in other parts of the world by attempting to impose severe restrictions in the number of flights we can make."

"It is noteworthy" Parrish continued, "that Britain, which has been the champion of freedom of the seas, has not been reconciled to a similar policy in the air, and it might be, just by chance, that it is because the United States has ample transport equipment and the know-how to do the job."

In view of Parrish's remarks about Great Britain, it was extremely interesting to listen to Peter Masefield, air attache at the British Embassy. He gave an excellent talk, straight and to the point, and he did not mince words about the effect that national prestige and security had in holding back the advancement of world aviation. He emphasized the fact that while "air is international, aviation has made its advent into a world which is primarily national," making the "ultimate in air transportation a little difficult as things are in the world today."

Masefield classified air transportation as trade-by-air (business aviation), travel-by-air (get-together aviation). and national air (prestige and security aviation). That last aspect is, of course, the fly in the ointment, which both Parrish and Masefield perceive. It was the latter who stressed that "not until the third aspect is settled will the first two come into their own."

Sir William Hildred, though director general of IATA, thinks of himself as an internationalist. He also referred in no uncertain terms to the restrictions surrounding the airplane and the development of air transportation. He was

EVEN WOODEN INDIANS FLY



This pretty PCA-Capital Airlines hostess registers extreme surprise as Chief Bill, one of the vanishing cigar store wooden Indians (remember?) raises one hand and mutely says "How!" Chief Bill, seven feet tall and tipping the scales at 290 pounds, was shipped via Air Express from New York to Cleveland by the Cigar Store Institute. Later the Indian was flown back to New York and returned to Bill's Gay Nineties, a local nightclub restaurant, from which it had been borrowed.

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In Gael Sullivan's speech, a major point was the importance of reducing international air mail postage rates. At the forthcoming Rio de Janeiro Conference of the International Postal Union, Sullivan plans to bring up this subject with the hope of securing uniform rates of 10 cents for all of South America, 15 cents to Europe, 20 cents to Africa, and 30 cents for the Middle and Far Fast.

Dr. Ben Charrington, director of the Social Science Foundation of the University of Denver, gave an illuminating address on the impact of aviation in regard to international relations. It will be recalled that a few years ago, Dr. Cherrington was for a short time director of cultural relations in the United States Department of State.

Kenneth E. Newland, head of the Aviation Department at Stephens College spoke on the schoolhouse of the air. Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, president of the National Education Association, and superintendent of public instruction in the State of Washington addressed the first morning's session of the conference and contributed this striking note of warning: "We are the

last earthbound generation . . . and our children are being taught by earthbound teachers . . . the implications are not at all scientific."

Gordon H. Atwater, director of the Hayden Planetarium in New York, brought a new angle into the discussions with his topic, World Time as The Layman Must Know It. Helmuth Ray, chief cartographer of the Rand McNally company, presented his views on the changes in trading areas due to the developments of air transportation.

Looking at the conference from an overall perspective, there was no doubt but that all roads led straight through to the importance of air transportation. Indeed, it could be said that air transportation was the star performer at International House, with air age education as the glamorous "leading lady" heading a brilliant cast of educators and other specialists to round out the dramatic spectacle of today's aviation.

The delegates, speakers, and spectators at the World Congress on Air Age Education were symbolic of our present earthbound generation, standing on the threshold of the Air Age, almost breathless at the vistas unrolled before them, summed up as "only the opening verse of the opening page of endless possibilities." More than one speaker voiced those stimulating words of Rudyard Kipling as a significant preview of the potentialities which lie before us in the immediate present of the Air Age, and not only those in the far distant future.

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Air Transportation In Model of Stratocruiser

There's a 10-foot model of the Boeing Stratocruiser making the rounds of the country these days, and resting on the pint-sized magazine rack in the interior of the plane is a miniature of the July issue of AIR TRANSPORTATION. It is one of three miniature miniature magazines on the rack, the only aviation periodical in the group.

The Stratocruiser model is complete in every detail, even as to interior, finish, and furnishings. It is being placed on display in all key spots, including airline terminals, chambers of commerce, and department stores. Among the places where the plane has been shown were the Wings Club in New York and the National Airport in Washington, D. C. At the time of the showing in New York, it was announced coincidentally by United Air Lines that a fleet of seven had been purchased from Boeing at a price of \$11,000,000.

7 Airlines for Willow Run

Seven airlines — United, Northwest, TWA, Pan American, Chicago and Southern, Western and PCA — have agreed to use Willow Run Airport for operations in the city of Detroit. It has been pointed out that the airlines do not consider this airport as a permanent one for Detroit.

ACA Steps up Activity After Reorganization

Air Clearance Association, Inc., which has moved to 11 Broadway, New York, has completed a complete operational reorganization at LaGuardia Field.

The association's activities have been stepped up to the extent that all shipments referred to it for customs clearance are now being cleared or delivered within 48 hours after receipt of shippers' documents. Messengers are making four trips daily to the airport. An organization of custom brokers "established to accommodate and protect brokers," ACA is headed by Charles F. McElroy. Charles Riotte holds the post of vice president; Martin Kerner, secretary; Daniel F. Young, treasurer; and Joseph Gamburg, general manager.

New Institute Formed

The Foreign Transportation Institute has been formed by The American University, Washington, D. C., offering specialized transportation courses in cooperation with the Office of Business Economics, Department of Commerce; Division of Economics and Statistics, United States Maritime Commission; Association of American Railroads; National Federation of American Shipping; and the Air Transport Association.



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AMERICAN

Operations of American Airlines for the first six months of 1946 resulted in net loss of \$121,748.17. For the first four months of the year operations were unprofitable, loss being \$443,105.06. Operations for the months of May and June were conducted at profit of \$321,356.89.

For the first six months of 1945, net profit, after provisions for Federal taxes, amounted to \$2,868,140.39. Passenger revenue for the first six months of this year showed an increase of 45.1 percent over the comparable period of last year. Passenger revenues for 1946 were \$24,869,-931.04, compared with \$17,138,600.77 for 1945. Freight revenue also showed an increase, the revenue for the January-June period of 1946 being \$641,264.29, compared with \$404,008.49 for 1945. Revenue from the transportation of mail was down approximately half. Mail revenue for the first six months of 1946 was \$1,609,626.35, compared with \$3,235,272.88 for 1945. Decrease in soldier mail, following return of troops from overseas stations accounted for the principal reduction in mail poundage.

The company excluded from its profit and loss for the first six months of 1946 the estimated net cost amounting to \$837,038.05, after tax adjustment applicable thereto, which resulted from delays in relocating personnel from military contract to commercial operations, and from retraining personnel returning to the company from military service. The above amount was charged to the reserve for transition to peacetime operations.

AMERICAN OVERSEAS

American Overseas Airlines has announced it is offering 1,049,895 additional shares of its capital stock for subscription to its stockholders at \$12 per share. Negotiable warrants good until September 18, 1946, were distributed to stockholders of record on August 21, 1946, on the basis of 1½ new shares for each share now held. American Airlines, Inc., agreed to purchase the 540,000 shares to which it is entitled to subscribe as a stockholder. American Export Lines, Inc., which is entitled to subscribe to 252,000 shares, distributed its rights to its own stockholders of record on August 21 on the basis of one new share of American Overseas for each five shares of stock of American Export held on August 21.

BOEING

Boeing Airplane Company and its domestic subsidiary, Boeing Aircraft Company, showed a consolidated net loss of \$1,071,403.06 for the six months ended June 30, 1946. In addition, the company in the six-month period has charged \$2,275,000 against reserves set up by the directors during the war period to cover reconversion costs and the cost of developing new products and markets. It was pointed out that if the company shows a loss at the end of the year, a substantial

portion of such loss and of the amount charged against reserves will be recoverable through the application of the loss carry back provisions of the Revenue Act.

BRANIFF

In a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Braniff Airways, a dividend of 15 cents per share on the airline's one million outstanding shares of stock was declared. The dividend was payable on August 22 to stockholders of record at the close of business August 12.

COLONIAL

Colonial Airlines passenger travel continued to establish new records for the fourth consecutive month when 16,814 passengers flew 4,820,773 revenue-miles in July. Passengers carried for the first seven months of 1946 increased 84.5 percent over the same period a year ago.

Mail and express flown also showed substantial increase for July over the same month in 1945. A total of 15,228,476 mail pound-miles and 8,773,303 express pound-miles were flown in July, 1946, increases of 47.5 per cent and 36.5 percent, respectively, over July, 1945.

CONTINENTAL

Continental Air Lines carried 22,905 passengers in June, 1946, compared to 12,528 passengers in June, 1945, a percentage increase of 82.83 on Routes 29, 43 and 60. There was a 91.19 per cent increase in the number of passengers the first six months of 1946 over the previous January through June total of 1945. The revenue passenger-miles in June, 1946, on the new Tulsa-El Paso route were up 23 percent over the month of March, 1946, when that route was inaugurated.

LUSCOMBE

Sales by Luscombe Airplane Corporation for the first six months of 1946 totaled \$2,309,329. The company sold 1,004 planes during this period, and is now manufacturing 14 all-metal lightplanes per day with a force totaling about 1,200 persons.

In the second quarter of this year the company put a profit-sharing plan into effect under which the employees are receiving \$35,809 for the period April 1 through June 30. During the second quarter, the company experienced a gain of \$114,785 before providing \$35,809 as the employees' share of the profits. However, the resulting net profit of \$78,976 for the second quarter was not quite sufficient to make up the loss of \$148,182 incurred in the first three months, and therefore the company completed the full six months with a loss of \$69,212.

MARTIN

The Glenn L. Martin Company has a backlog of business amounting to approximately \$175,000,000, Glenn L. Martin,

president, told stockholders in a letter transmitting the company's annual report for the calendar year 1945 and a report for the first six months of 1946. The backlog, one of the largest so far reported among aircraft manufacturers, includes both military and commercial orders.

According to the report, the company and its subsidiaries had net sales of \$18, 467,137 and net profit of \$901,878 (after all charges, including taxes) for the six months' period ending June 30, 1946.

Financial statement of the company and its subsidiaries for 1945 showed net sales of \$356,162,188, compared with \$500,445,422 in 1944; net income after all charges and reserves, but before special adjustments, of \$8,379,373 in 1945, as compared with \$4,909,572 in 1944; and net income per share of \$7.39 in 1945, as compared with \$4,37 in 1944. The company's net earnings for 1945, after all charges and reserves but before special adjustments, amounted to 2.35 percent on the total net sales of \$356,162,188. Earnings for 1945 are subject to renegotiation. Semi-annual dividend payments of \$1.50 per share during 1945 totaled \$3,388,167. Early in 1946 a quarterly dividend policy was decided upon by the company's board of directors. The first two quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share have been paid this year.

On December 31, 1945, the company's total current assets were \$121,557,060; and current liabilities were \$80,381,647. Federal and state income taxes for 1945 amounted to \$30,573,637.

NORTHEAST

Northeast Airlines' passenger totals for the months of June and July—88,354—exceeded those of the corresponding period in 1945 by 151 percent. Revenues for the two-month period also established a new NEA mark, reaching \$974,072—a 109 percent increase over the 1945 two-month total of \$468,635.

NORTHWEST

Northwest Airlines planes carried more revenue passengers in the first six months of this year than in any previous half-year period in its 20-year history. The total reached 261,228 for the January-June period, exceeding the mark for the last six months of 1945 by about 62,000. Revenue passenger-miles totaled 159,589, 157, about 27,000,000 more than in the previous half-year.

A midsummer rush of vacation travelers to all parts of the country brought an increase in passenger traffic during July when a total of 56,298 revenue passengers were carried by the airlines. This was an increase of 24,044 over the same month of last year. Revenue passenger-miles totaled 35,500,114, as compared to 21,276,256 in July, 1945.

During July, 308,918 pounds of express were carried aboard NWA planes. This compared with 291,566 in June this year, and with 283,717 pounds in July, 1945. The express shipments during this July were carried 182,795,020 pound-miles, compared with 167,360,126 pound-miles in June of this year and 187,408,141 pound-miles in July, 1945.

RYAN

Net profit of \$349,710, equal to 80 cents per share, was reported by the Ryan Aeronautical Company for the fiscal year ended Octobe which ment Claude interin April equal half of Value sold for was \$

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October 31, 1945. With the annual report, which had been delayed pending settlement of terminated war contracts, T. Claude Ryan, president, also issued an interim report for the six months ended April 31, showing net income of \$277,868, equal to 63 cents per share, for the first half of the current fiscal year.

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Value of products manufactured and sold for the 12 months ending October 31 was \$55,745,096. For the first half of the 1946 fiscal year gross income was \$6,-405,109. The relatively low profit on the 1945 gross sales dollar was due to cancellation of war contracts after the company had tooled its plant for volume production of Ryan Fireball fighters for the Navy, but before the full production rate and maximum manufacturing efficiency had been reached.

Ryan reported to stockholders that the company is now in the strongest financial position in history. Book value as of October 31, 1945, of \$4,078,779 represented \$9,29 per share; and working capital at \$3,580,865 was equal to \$8.15 per share. Due to the accelerated depreciation permissible at the end of the war, buildings, machinery and equipment acquired at an original cost of \$1,917,748, were carried at a book value of only \$278,132.

TRANS-CANADA

Trans-Canada Air Lines carried 1,188 more passengers in the month of June, 1946, than in the previous month. The total number of passengers carried was 23,784. Air express traffic also increased for the month, being 95,262 pounds as compared with 90,051 in May. Air mail showed a decline at 179,826 pounds for

June as against 189,057 pounds in the month of May.

TRANS WORLD

Trans World Airline set a company transcontinental record during the month of June by flying more than 4,000,000 plane-miles. The statistics included 424,942 miles of transcontinental operation by Constellation aircraft. Constellations were withdrawn temporarily from service on July 11 for mechanical and engineering improvements. The addition of plane-miles flown on TWA's international routes, brought the overall total to 4,750,000 revenue plane-miles.

Air freight revenue mounted to an alltime monthly high of \$62,000 in July, a month of normal seasonal slump, according to R. E. Whitmer, director of cargo sales. Whitmer attributed the 25 percent rise over June revenue to recent tariff changes which brought TWA rates into line with those of other scheduled transcontinental air carriers. Trends during the first half of this year, Whitmer said, indicate that revenue from TWA air freight, as distinct from mail and express cargo, will pass the three-quarter million dollar figure for the year 1946.

UNITED

Air freight and air express flown by United Air Lines during the first half of 1946 showed an increase of more than 40 percent over the same period last year for an all-time record. In the six months, United's Cargoliners and Mainliners flew approximately 3,530,500 cargo ton-miles as against 2,516,640 in the first half of 1945. Reflecting the loss of servicemen's letters

since the end of the war, air mail in the six months dropped approximately 50 percent to 5,197,500 ton-miles as against 10,-518,536 for the first half of 1945.

Air cargo operations in July reached an estimated record of 707,000 ton-miles, an increase of 55 per cent over the same period last year. July's figure also represented a 20 percent increase over June when United flew 589,444 cargo ton-miles. Air mail ton-miles showed a slight increase, totaling approximately 691,000 ton-miles as against 684,003 in June.

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All previous records for revenue passenger-miles and revenue airplane-miles flown by United during a single month were broken in July. The airline flew approximately 111,570,000 revenue passenger-miles last month, a 69 percent increase over the same period a year ago and seven percent over June's total of 104,013,322. Revenue airplane miles flown were nearly 4,970,000, up five percent over June's 4,719,-897 and 40 percent over July, 1945.

WESTERN

A first-half loss of roughly \$750,0.00 will be sustained by Western Air Lines, but the airline will break into the black some time during the third quarter, according to a preliminary report on first-half operations issued by the company.

Analyzing first-half profit and loss figures, President William A. Coulter pointed out that the first six months of 1946 have borne the brunt of a huge personnel expansion program which was necessary to obtain and train sufficient employees to operate more planes and activate new routes as rapidly as additional four-motored aircraft are delivered. The first-half loss will be in the neighborhood of \$1.44 per share, Coulter estimated.

Helicopter is Practicable for Air Mail Carriage Post Office Says After Tests in Los Angeles Area

In the opinion of the Post Office Department, the helicopter is a practicable vehicle for the carriage of air mail. After three weeks of experimenting in the Los Angeles area, the helicopter has demonstrated that it can fly and carry mail through the Summer fog with a performance record at least as good as that of conventional aircraft.

The Department disclosed that upon the basis of data furnished by the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Weather Bureau, routes could be flown which would enable the helicopters to pick up and deliver mail on their early morning runs at such times as to avoid fog and still synchronize with carrier schedules. The Board and the Bureau are now preparing maps incorporating this information.

During the experiment, Lockheed Airport at Burbank was the base for operations. From the beginning, it was understood that if approval was given to helicopter air mail service in the Los Angeles area, the Municipal Airport would be used. Two main routes were flown, one following the coast with Long Beach as its southern terminus, the other running inland to Santa Ana. A shuttle route between Lockheed and the Terminal Annex roof of the Los Angeles Post Office was also flown.

The experiment brought out the need for substantial modifications in routes and procedures. If, at the hearing now scheduled by the CAB for September 9, the Department recommends helicopter service

for Los Angeles, the routes suggested undoubtedly will be horizontal loops rather than in the form of the vertical lines flown during the experiment.

Thus, helicopters flying out from the Municipal Airport at six o'clock in the morning could fly, ahead of fog, along the two loops, delivering and picking up mail at each post office. The flight time on the northern loop would be one hour and 42 minutes, and on the southern loop, one hour and 36 minutes. Thirteen post offices would be served on the proposed northern loop, and 11 on the southern loop. In addition, 61 neighboring offices would benefit from the service.

The success of the shuttle service between downtown Los Angeles and the airport was one of the outstanding features of the experiment. The Department, in the event that helicopter service is adopted, would link the Terminal Annex, four other Los Angeles post office stations, Santa Monica and the airport with two morning and two afternoon flights. In addition, 12 direct flights between the Terminal Annex and the airport would be run daily. On the northern and southern loops, morning and afternoon flights are projected.

The helicopters, operated by Army Air Forces personnel in the experiment, were designed for rescue work and not for the carriage of mail. On aircraft adaptable for flying mail, fundamentally different operational techniques would be followed. Using a simple device now available, the

helicopter need not stop to pick up mail. The pick-up would be effected by the helicopter slowing down and having a tilting device bring the mail sack into the aircraft. Deliveries likewise would be made without stopping.

Thus, a helicopter flying the northern loop would slow down over a post office. The pick-up of outgoing mail would be made automatically and the mail destined for that office would be dropped into a net. The pouch would drop down a chute into the post office workroom for immediate processing, as the helicopter sped on to the next office.

Post office inspectors have surveyed all contemplated stops on all routes. With the relocation of electric power lines, helicopters could make pick-ups and deliveries on all the Government buildings involved. This would remove one of the difficulties encountered in the experiment when it becomes necessary to use landing areas at unreasonable distances from post offices.

Consideration is being given to a suggestion that a short wave receiving set be installed at each post office served by helicopter. This would enable the pilot to give information of his approach at an unscheduled time or arrange for the rendering of any needed assistance. Use of radar is not practical for helicopters because of the weight of the device.

Post Office Department officials made an hour-by-hour check of the origin, destination, and volume of air mail in all communities affected, as well as the practicability of the schedules tested and the cost of helicopter service.



Domestic Air Mail Rate Goes Down to 5¢ Oct. 1

Beginning October 1, the air mail postage rate between all United States territory and to members of the armed forces abroad will be reduced to five cents an ounce.

It was almost a year ago, speaking at a Waldorf-Astoria luncheon affair spon-sored by the Aviation Section of the New York Board of Trade in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of transcontinental air mail, that Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan declared his intention of seeking the reduction of the air mail rate from eight cents to five cents.

'Under our economic system," Hannegan said at the time, "our business people know that one of the best and quickest ways to get the American people to buy a good product or use a good service is to lower the cost. There is no public education like the good old American method of offering the people a fair bargain.

"I believe this principle applies to the postal service as well as any other . . . I believe many more people would use air mail if it were cheaper, and I also believe that if many more people did use it, the resulting increased volume would bring down the unit cost of delivery, and, within a reasonably short time, justify the cut."

Non-Scheduled Airlines Are Backed by Wallace To Spur Air Competition

In a protest to the Civil Acronautics Board, former Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace last month urged it to reconsider an "extremely restrictive" order affecting non-scheduled airlines. He said that they should be allowed to operate so as to promote competition in the air transportation industry, pointing out that the May 17 order by the Board would "close and regulate entry" of non-scheduled groups into business.

Wallace called the order inconsistent with President Truman's policy of "encouraging small business initiative and originality to stimulate competition." He urged the CAB to "set aside the extremely restrictive interpretation and definition" of what constitutes a non-scheduled service and "restore the 'open door' policy under its original exemption order."

Wayfarer Ready

The Bristol Wayfarer has been given its certificate of airworthiness from the British Ministry of Aviation. It is the first postwar British aircraft to be fully cleared for transport duty.

Ryan Admits Interest In Helicopter Field

T. Claude Ryan, president of the Ryan Aeronautical Corporation, has confirmed reports that his company is interested in helicopter development work.

"We have had an active interest in the helicopter type of aircraft for a number of years," he said, "and a considerable amount of engineering and experimental work on rotors and mechanisms has been carried on in recent months. Some extremely interesting and worthwhile develop-ment work has been accomplished. This type of aircraft has great possibilities, but a considerable amount of improvement and refinement of present type helicopters is necessary before they reach the stage of substantial practical utility, although that point may not be far away. We are planning to actively continue our present program of helicopter research and develop

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New Non-Scheduled Group May be Inaugurated Soon

If plans are successful, a national association of three non-scheduled air carrier groups will be formed. The proposed organization would include the Institute of Air Transportation, the Contract Air Carriers Association of Florida, and Air Transport Operators, Inc., West Coast. A fourth unnamed group has been mentioned as a possible member. The purpose of the new association would be to coordinate all their activities.



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ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Effective as of August 28, 1946, Air-Borne Cargo Lines have changed their base of operations from Baltimore Municipal Airport to the Millville Municipal Airport, located at Millville, New Jersey, occupying their own hangar with maintenance shop and several buildings.

Air-Borne Cargo Lines, Inc. (formerly Hoosier Air Freight Corp.), announces the removal of its offices from 103 Park Ave. to 160 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y. Telephone: Cortlandt 7-0767-68-69.

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By GEORGE BOOCHEVER

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THE question of the liability of municipalities for injuries arising out of the operation of airports will increase in importance as an incident to the creation of thousands of new municipal airports to meet the growing demand for such facilities. An examination of the reported decisions indicates that diametrically opposite views are held by the courts of different states.

The point of departure in the decisions rests on the determination of the question of whether in the operation of the airport the municipality is engaged in the performance of a "governmental function," that is to say, in the exercise of powers for the benefit of the people generally, by virtue of which it is not liable for negligence in the same manner as private persons or private corporations, or whether its operations constituted "corporate" or "ministerial acts," done in the exercise of its powers as a municipal corporation, for its own benefit or for the benefit of its citizens alone or its citizens and those of its immediate locality.

In an opinion rendered by the Attorney General of Minnesota, February 10, 1945, he points out that the question of the liability for personal injuries by a municipal airport had not been passed upon directly and he, therefore, advised municipal officers, as a matter of precaution, until the question is settled definitely that it would probably be wise for the city to carry public liability insurance.

He also pointed out that the courts of Iowa, Georgia, and Tennessee have held that cities are not liable for damages caused by negligence of city employees, on the theory that the city, in operating the airport, is engaged in a governmental, rather than a proprietary, function. Per contra, the courts of Florida, Texas, California, Oregon, Oklahoma, Michigan and Alabama have held that in such operation a city is engaged in a proprietary function and subject to the same liabilities as a private airport operator.

The Minnesota Supreme Court having held that the operation of a municipal airport is a governmental function and that the fact that certain facilities are leased to private individuals for uses connected with the airport does not destroy the governmental character of the operation, the Attorney General's opinion stated that the best answer he could give to the question was that in Minnesota the court would probably hold with the courts of Iowa, Georgia and Tennessee, that cities are not liable for such damages. How the courts of the states which have not as yet passed upon the question would decide can only be the subject of guesswork, although rulings on analogous situations may give some indication of what the decisions are likely to be

ATA Says Airlines Utilize Less than Quarter of Total Use of Airfields on Stops

According to the Air Transport Association, operations of the scheduled airlines of the United States utilize less than 25 percent of the total use of all airports on their regular route-stops.

Statistics for the first four months of 1946, taken from the Aircraft Operations Reports of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, reveal that 57 percent of total airport use is attributable to other-than-airline commercial and private operators and 18 percent to Army and Navy.

"These figures should be interesting to those who want to lay the entire burden of airport costs on the airlines," said Robert Ramspeck, ATA executive vice president, "and to those of the public who may have been misled to believe that the airlines dominate the use of airports."

Scheduled airline use of the Federal airways, as contrasted with airports, shows a percentage of 44.6 in the CAA reports, according to Ramspeck. He pointed out, however, that these statistics present a distorted picture, as they are based entirely on filed flight plans, with the scheduled carriers always filing such plans while other fliers usually file them only under instrument conditions. An estimate for 1946 based on complete reports, he said, would probably show airline use of about one-third, or approximately the same as the prewar figure, which fell to about 10 percent during the war years, for both airways and airports.

Another point raised in the ATA survey was that a considerable portion of the publicly provided facilities are not needed or used by the scheduled airlines.

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"This applies to existing airports and airways," Mr. Ramspeck asserted, "and will pertain in even greater degree to the expansion programs contemplated. The scheduled airlines should not be asked to support thousands of airports that will not serve them; nor airway instrumentalities not required in their operations, as for example, intermediate fields, beacon lights, communications stations (the lines have their own) or low power fan markers.

"We must not lose sight of the role of the airlines in the amazing growth of air transportation. The big factor was pioneerwhich cannot be calculated in terms of dollars and cents, whether paid out by the Government or the carriers; pioneering which build up the greatest air transport system in the world, credited with playing a major part in helping win the war. Through difficult days of peace and war the airlines experimented to perfect an operation which others now arrive on the scene to enjoy in full swing. When charges for the airways are discussed, let's not forget that all except the scheduled carriers need operate only when loads make trips profitable. It is the scheduled airwhich must operate their allotted flights day in and day out, without regard to the size of their load or profit.'

Norseman Ferries Planes

Norseman Air Transport has been ferrying aircraft overseas for several months. The planes shuttled across to date have been surplus Government aircraft which have been purchased by civilian airlines in foreign countries.



The Whaleboat

In Building 82 at Burbank, engineers have been fussing over a remarkable object that looks like a dural whaleboat on wheels. It's the *Constellation's* new Speedpak and it's a lot more useful than a whaleboat, except maybe to whalers.

With the Speedpak, fast handling of air cargo is made possible for the first time.

This is the way it works: The Speedpak is loaded independently of the ship (which may be in service somewhere else at the time.) When the plane arrives, the Speedpak is attached to the bottom of the fuselage. Off the Constellation flies with the Speedpak clinging to its



belly, full of over four tons of additional cargo. At any stop the Speedpak can be lowered, loaded and lifted in a matter of minutes.

For all its 395 cubic-foot capacity, the Speedpak slows the plane down less than 10 mph, which is peanuts for the five-mile-a-minute Constellation.

The Speedpak is a new solution to the cargo problem. But new ideas are old stuff at Lockheed —ideas that make good hangar flying and better air transport.

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AIR CARGO IN A BIG WAY... It's all in a day's work, as Slick Airways demonstrates, whether it's a Texas longhorn steer or an industrial truck. That steer is Ferdinand, which was flown from San Antonio to New York to appear on the Columbia Broadcasting program, Cinderella, Inc. Ferdinand did all right for himself, too. The vehicle being lifted into the C-46 cargoplane is a Clark Utilitruc which weighs 10,450 pounds. It represents the first commercial attempt to fly a heavy fork lift truck direct from the factory to the customer complete. The machine was transported from Battle Creek, Michigan, to San Antonio.

Havana Landing Rights Are Granted to Aaxico

American Air Export and Import Company (Aaxico) has been granted landing rights in Havana by the Cuban Government. The inaugural New York-Havana flight is set for September 15. Aaxico's office in the Cuban capital is located in the National Theatre Building.

Two More Air Cargo Carriers Join IAA

The Commander Line and Flamingo Air Service have become the fourth and fifth air cargo lines to join the recently organized Independent Airfreight Association. Charter members of the organization are Slick Airways, National Skyway Freight Corporation, and United States Airlines.

Santa Fe Flies Food On Inaugural Trip

Santa Fe Skyway's inaugural flight was made recently with a planeload of perishables from Los Angeles to Chicago. Aboard were fuzzless peaches, swordfish, cranshaw melons, and fresh strawberries. who indi

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-Air Cargo mosaic.

We are reminded of the wartime operations of enemy spies in this country who gained considerable information by hanging out in waterfront taverns and war industry boomtown cafeterias, plucking a stray word here and there, and submitting the snatches to their local headquarters. These were sorted, mulled over, arranged, and rearranged, like so many tiles, until the desired picture began gradually to form.

In hardly so insidious a vein do the writers of this magazine sift the air cargo information as it is received through divers channels; but the net result is the same: the piecing together of a mosaic, which, in due time, tells a complete story.

The last report of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, which covered the first five-month period of the current year, showed that after a substantial drop in air exports in February as compared with January, a steady rise was registered. After descending to a low point of some \$4,000,000 in value for February, air exports quickly recovered, and, at the last reckoning, had gone beyond \$9,000,000 for a month's business.

In contrast, the value of air imports, which had been near the \$5,000,000 mark in March, decreased during the next two months by approximately 20 percent. But opposite this record in air import values was one of air shipping weight which showed steady gains. Thus, while the dollar value of the shipments coming by air into this country headed downward during April and May, in terms of weight an opposite direction was effected.

Now, from the Civil Aeronautics Board, we hear another story—to all appearances an entirely unrelated one.

Information, incomplete at the time of this writing, indicated that, as a unit, the non-scheduled industry was on the wrong side of the ledger. Such big fellows like Slick Airways had reported a two-month loss of \$123,463; National Skyway Freight Corporation, \$76,979 in May; and Air Cargo Transport Corporation, \$66,402. Fifty-six percent of the Slick loss figure was chalked up against development expense to be amortized over a five-year period. ACT explained that some of its planes were undergoing reconversion and hence could not be placed into service.

There were other smaller companies writing in red ink—Bruning, California Eastern, National Air Cargo, Meteor, Viking, etc.—but here losses were in the lower brackets. On the other hand, there were non-scheduled operators who reported profits. Among this group were Air Freight, Pacific Overseas, Fire-ball, Lone Star, Hoosier (now Air-Borne Cargo), and Airgo. To be sure, there were others, but the overall picture remained with a scarlet hue.

For the purpose of this article, the fact that losses have been rather prevalent among the uncertificated airlines is not of particular interest. It had been predicted a long time ago. None of the operators had expected to make money during the formative period, and if they did it was all to the good.

But what interests us is the news that many of the passenger-carrying outfits are beginning to cast covetous eyes on the air cargo business. Reorganization along these lines is in the air. We know of at least two big companies who, within the last few weeks, have ordered special air freight studies in certain areas.

The certificated airlines have joined the air freight rush with a vengeance. Latest of the entrants have been Delta Air Lines and National Airlines. These must now be added to American, Braniff, Continental, Inland, PCA, TWA, United, and Western. Consider, too, the extension of international routes, and the picture takes on added significance. Another important development is the rising interest of the freight forwarders in the air freight field, and the CAB applications of a number of these firms.

How do the reports of the Bureau of Commerce, Civil Aeronautics Board, and the airlines fit the mosaic? In the simplest terms it all boils down to the recognition that air cargo no longer is an infant on wobbly legs. Although we firmly believe in what we have often termed the tremendous future of air cargo—domestic and international—it is hardly that at this early stage of the game, only 13 months removed from the end of the war. But we do maintain that it has dropped its diapers for a more substantial and presentable garment.

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UNDER THE DEADLINE

The Ecuador Government has taxed airlines five percent of their income from passenger traffic and an additional sucre (7% cents) for each passenger entering or departing from the country, or landing in transit. Revenue from this source will be used exclusively for construction for Ecuador's Navy air service. . . Meanwhile, the Congress of Guatemala has passed a law for a tax of eight percent on all plane tickets for travel outside the country, and four percent on domestic traffic. It is understood that these revenues will go toward airport and facilities maintenance. . . Westinghouse Electric Corporation has developed for the Navy an electrically driven "slingshot" which will catapult a plane into the air after a run of only a few hundred feet. It is known as the "electropult."

It is reported that the Central Air Transport Corporation, a Chinese Government airline, has been able to purchase some 150 Army transport planes at a low figure because these aircraft were classified as salvage. The real fact is, the report states, that many of the planes were in good condition. . . Gloster Aircraft officials claim a new altitude record with the recent flight of a jet-propelled Meteor to a height of 46,500 feet during a test. . . It is estimated that approximately 10,000 persons were flown to Saratoga, New York, to attend the races there. Most of the planes serving Saratoga during the season were flown by non-scheduled operators.

Two B-17 Drones, controlled by radio from another aircraft, recently landed at the Muroc Lake Army Air Base, California, after a 2,174-mile flight from Hawaii. This was a new mark set for remote-control aircraft flying long distances. . . Oswald Ryan, vice chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board. feels that the abandonment of the British of the principles embodied in the Bermuda Air Agreement with the United States (see February, 1946 issue of this magazine) wrecked the negotiations for an air pact with Mexico, which he directed in Mexico City, and threatens to imperil the whole development of

international air commerce. . Negotiations are being resumed by New Zealand with the United States for an agreement to institute air service between Auckland and San Francisco, paralleling the Pan American Airways route. The service would be operated by British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines.

The Russians have unveiled a new jet-propelled fighter and two rocket-propelled fighters, plus two helicopters. Details are lacking. . . The United Nations and the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization are scheduled this month to negotiate a draft agreement whereby PICAO will be come a specialized agency of UN. . Taylorcraft Aviation has announced reductions of from \$250 to \$295 in the prices of its custom, de-luxe, and standard models of the BC-12-D.

Permanent quarters of the Institute of Air Transportation have been established at 34 East 39 Street, New York. . Fulton M. (Skeeter) Moore, general manager of Palwaukee Airport, Wheeling, Illinois, established a new altitude record for the Ercoupe when he flew to a height of 21,500 feet. The plane's official service is 14,000 feet. . . The fourth annual National Aviation Clinic, scheduled to be held in Oklahoma City on October 14-17, expects to attract more than 1,200 persons in industry, education, government, commerce, as well as the general public. It will be under the joint sponsorship of the National Aeronautic Association and the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

One of the first commercial shipments by air of automobiles was handled by TWA when two Crosley cars were flown from the Cincinnati factory to R. H. Macy's in New York. . . Trans-Canada Air Lines points out that its new fourmotored craft, North Star, "is a truly international craft." It was built in Canada, is partly of Douglas (American) design, and is powered by British Rolls Royce Merlin engines. . . Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Ireland, Netherlands, Norways, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States have been invited by PICAO to participate in a conference to arrange for the establishment and operation of a network of 13 ocean weather stations in the North Atlantic region.

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CAB Reports Good Response To Non-Scheduled Filing

Non-scheduled air carriers have been filing registrations with the Civil Aeronautics Board under Section 292.1 of the Economic Regulations, at a lively rate. With the 3rd of this month as the deadline, the Operations Division of the CAB's Economic Bureau reported registrations as coming in at a five- to 10-a-day clip. At this writing it was estimated that nearly a half of the larger uncertificated operators had registered.

Waterman Adds London To List of Overseas Flights

Two round-trip flights between New York and London, using new DC-4 equipment are scheduled for this month by Waterman Airlines. The plane used on these flights is the one which has made several trips between New York and Puerto Rico, New Orleans and Puerto Rico, and San Francisco and Honolulu. On the transatlantic flight to the British capital the run is made with one three-hour stop at Gander, Newfoundland.

Foreign Permits Okayed

Two Colombian airlines—Lineas Aereas TACA de Colombia and Aerovias Nacionales de Colombia (Avianca)—have received foreign air carrier permits from the CAB for routes into the United States. Altogether 14 such permits have been granted.

TOP MEN OF FLORIDA CONTRACT AIR CARRIERS



Shown left to right are the officers of the newly organized Contract Air Carriers Association, Inc., a group formed by non-scheduled airline men in the Miami area: E. B. Beese, secretary; William Hutchins, treasurer; John Yandell, president; and Charles Carroll, vice president and chairman of the Executive Committee. Seated is Emett Choate, counsel. At the present time CACA is fighting legislation now pending by the CAB, as well as attempting "to get an equal operating deal from the local Dade County Port Authority, which controls the International 36th Street Airport in Miami."

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AIR CARGO PERSONALITIES

PAUL W. PATE

Air Cargo-Air Mail Manager Delta Air Lines

PAUL W. PATE, who heads Delta Air Lines' air cargo and air mail department, is probably the youngest cargo manager in the airline business. At 30, Pate is a thoroughgoing veteran of the freight game, a promotion ladder-climber through the rankof the motor carriers, and a graduate into the air cargo business.

Pate was born in Savannah, Georgia, January 2, 1916, the son of the late Chatham County tax collector. He was educated at the Savannah High School and the University of Georgia Evening College, having taken a commercial law course at the latter.

After the completion of his schooling, Pate joined the Barnwell Freight Line, of Burlington, North Carolina, as a lowly billing clerk. After three years in North Carolina, he accepted the position of chief rate clerk with Transportation, Inc. When the M and A Freight Lines was purchased by Transportation, Inc., during the depression, Pate was not only retained, but he was promoted to general traffic manager of M and A. In 1940 he was transferred back to Transportation, Inc., and promoted to Southern Division general traffic manager.

Pate accepted the assistant general traffic managership of the large Mason and Dixon Lines, Inc., in 1941, and made his headquarters in Kingsport, Tennessee. He resigned in May of 1942 to return home and join the Army. With the exception of a brief interlude as an aviation cadet in the United States Army Air Forces, Pate has always been a part of the freight world. After serving as a student of Army flight training for sev-



eral months, Pate requested a transfer to the ground component of the Air Forces. Two cases of pneumonia within a few weeks grounded him.

His resignation as an aviation cadet was accepted. He was appointed a master sergeant and assigned to the Courtland (Alabama) Army Air Base as sergeant major of transportation. The Army provided Pate with his best experience in rail transportation.

In November, 1943, he was given a medical discharge and returned to civilian life. Pate had aimed his sights during his Army career, and after his discharge he went gunning for Delta Air Lines in Atlanta. Because he wanted air freight work and Delta had no such a department, Pate's first reaction on arriving at the airline was that he had failed. However, after a few questions and answers with the Delta personnel man, he realigned his sights and started out again.

Drawing on his excellent motor freight experience before joining the Army, his rail transportation experience while in the service, and his earnest desire to get a foothold in air freight some day, Pate accepted a counter Delta offer to become a traffic analyst in the planning and research department. For several months he assisted the airline in the preparation of briefs for Civil Aeronautics Board route requests, and in general duties in the planning and research department.

And Pate preached the gospel of air cargo and air freight. He seldom allowed a chance to pass without glowing predictions for moving heavy cargo by air.

A year after joining Delta, Pate's hopes and predictions began to come true. In November, 1944, Delta formed its first air cargo department, and the young man in planning and research whose faith in air freight had never sagged was selected to head the new department. On August 15, 1946, another of Pate's predictions came true when Delta entered the air freight business. His department suddenly grew from a one-man office to one directing freight men in many of Delta's principal cities, in addition to a greatly enlarged office at the Delta headquarters.

During a recent interview, Pate again made a prediction. His latest is that within 10 years air cargo traffic will outstrip passenger traffic as a source of revenue for airlines. AIR TRANSPORTATION will back him on that.

EAL to Providence

Eastern Air Lines will inaugurate regularly scheduled flights into Providence, Rhode Island, on September 3. Twinengined DC-3s will be used.

Swenson Coins Word

Lowell Swenson, executive vice president of the National Aeronautics Association, suggests the term "feeport," to be used by private flyers to designate any airport charging landing fees for personal planes which use its facilities.

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EXECUTIVE

WILLIAM A. BLEES, vice president in charge of sales for Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, elected to the board of directors. He joined Convair after resigning as vice president of Young and Rubicam, Inc. Blees formerly was vice president in charge of sales for the Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac Sales Company Division of General Motors, and general sales manager of Nash Motors, Nash-Kelvinator Corporation.

LEE H. SMITH, appointed executive vice president of Aeronca Aircraft Corporation. He joined Aeronca six years ago as vice president in charge of sales and engineering. During the past three years Smith took a leave of absence to become general manager of the Burlington, North Carolina division of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation which was then engaged in military production.

THOMAS WOLFE and J. H. SMITH, JR., elected to the respective posts of vice president in charge of the Pacific-Alaska Division and vice president in charge of the Atlantic Division for Pan American World Airways. Wolfe is a well-known figure in aviation circles. He recently resigned as vice president of Western Air Lines. Smith was a State Department specialist in aviation before joining PAA. During the war he served as a Navy pilot and achieved the rank of lieutenant commander.

PAUL E. REINHOLD, prominent Southern business and civic figure, elected to the board of directors of Eastern Air Lines. He was a member of the Federal Dairy Industry Advisory Committee, War Food Administration, and represented the United States Government at the decennial meeting of the International Dairy Congress in Europe.

PHILIP D. ARMOUR, Chicago business leader, who fills a vacancy on the board of Northwest Airlines. Formerly associated with Armour and Company, he is at the present time an executive of several corporations.

NEIL B. BERBOTH, formerly of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, appointed vice president-traffic and sales of State Airlines, Charlotte, North Carolina. The airline was recently recommended by the CAB to engage in air transportation in Kentucky, the Virginias, the Carolinas, and Ohio. Berboth has also been connected with American Airlines and Northeast Airlines.

FRED L. CLARK, named assistant to the president of TaCA Airways. He formerly held the post of assistant to the treasurer of the system.

MERRILL MANNING, JR., appointed senior transit coordinator for Pan American's Atlantic Division. He will be field executive coordinating all activities on transit Clippers currently flying to Eire, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Portugal, Liberia, and Belgian Congo. He has been with PAA since 1942.

VINCENT PAUL CONROY, who has joined American Air Express Corporation as special consultant. Conroy was president of the Air Traffic Conference of America in 1943.

* ADVERTISING * PUBLIC RELATIONS

HOWARD J. SILBAR, named coordinator of advertising and public relations for Lear, Inc. Before entering the service in 1942, Silbar worked in the advertising and public relations department of Burroughs Adding Machine Company. Prior to that he was correspondent for several national business papers.

CHARLES E. McGEE, appointed press relations manager for Pan American's Atlantic Division. Prior to his present position, he was a sports writer for The New York Times and assistant director of publicity in a United States Maritime Commission shipyard.

SELBY CALKINS, new public relations manager for PAA's Pacific-Alaska Division. Identified with the aeronautical industry for more than 15 years, Calkins was recently Western editor of Skyways.

JOSEPH E. LOWES, JR., director of public relations of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, elected chairman of the National Public Relations Advisory Committee of the Aircraft Industries Association. He succeeds A. M. Rochlen, director of public relations of the Douglas Aircraft Company.

* TRAFFIC

COLONEL K. D. McKENZIE, named to the newly created position of agency and interline manager for Northwest Airlines. During the last year of the war McKenzie directed the movement of all troops and supplies in the Mediterranean theatre.

S. WALTER LINCOLN, appointed Midwest district manager for the Chicago area for Swedish Intercontinental Airlines. Until recently Lincoln was associate director of the Society of International Travel Associates. He has been in the transportation field for 17 years.

FRANK H. MATTIX, THOMAS J. WHITE, JR., JAMES P. FARRELL, and RALPH K. MULFORD, who have assumed new posts at Eastern Air Lines. Mattix has been appointed district manager in Philadelphia; White has been promoted to agency manager in the Great Lakes Division; Farrell has been transferred from Mexico Citv to take over the city managership of EAL's Houston office; and Mulford has been elevated to city manager in Boston.

CARGO

GUY M. SPRINGER, JR., formerly air cargo manager for Braniff International Airways, named director of cargo sales for Capital Airlines-PCA. A native



Howard J. Silbar



K. D. McKenzie



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of Fort Worth, Texas, Springer is a member of a family which has long been affiliated with the transportation and shipping business. Springer's complete biography will be featured in a forthcoming issue of Air Cargo Personalities in this magazine.

KEITH JONES, appointed assistant cargo traffic manager for Western Air Lines. With WAL since March, 1944, Jones formerly served as local district cargo manager for the Los Angeles area.

* PASSENGER *

KAROLYN DIXON and BARBARA BALL, promoted to the respective posts of chief stewardess and assistant chief stewardess for Delta Air Lines. Miss Dixon has been with Delta since July, 1943; Miss Ball recently was discharged from the Army Nurses Corps, serving overseas.

* SALES

ROBERT KINZEL, appointed assistant to the United States sales manager of Pan American. Assisting Arthur C. Doyle, Kirzel will be in charge of Clipper express sales.

* OPERATIONS

MARK J. MAIDEL, former Army Air Force lientenant colonel, named United States regional operations manager of the Scandinavian Airlines System. He recently participated in the demonstration of maintenance techniques and operating procedures applicable to the Constellation, conducted under the auspices of the CAA. During the war he was recognized as an expert on the AAF's big planes.

DON G. MacDONALD, 17-year veteran in air transportation, appointed manager of ground operations for United Air Lines' Eastern Region. MacDonald has been with UAL since 1929. He served as a lieutenant colonel in the AAF, returning a year ago after three years' service.

Air Mail Era

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by two factors. First, Congress gave two salary increases. I think they were justified in doing so, and I voted for the first one. If I had been in the Congress when the second was considered I would have voted for that also.

The second reason is the one I want to discuss in the following paragraphs. It is the loss of volume in the profitable first-class surface mail and air mail That has reduced the revenue of the postal service.

Air mail has dropped 50 percent. This is due to the demobilization of the armed services. It is not necessary to write to the boys; they are at home, for which we are all thankful.

With the new nickel rate for air mail, we are confident that a much greater volume can be secured. If so, it will increase the revenue of the Postal Service. It will help wipe out the deficit. If this deficit remains, some one will start a movement to reduce employment in the Postal Service. He may even try to reduce salaries. A campaign will soon be started by the Postmaster General to increase the sale of air mail postage. It will help the Postal Service and all its personnel.

Next year we hope to see legislation passed providing a system of air parcel post. That will certainly benefit the tural sections. If a farmer needs a part for his tractor or some other useful article, he can get it quickly. He also can sell eggs, baby chicks and other things, and ship them by air parcel post.

and a member of the New York Stock Exchange, is secretary-treasurer of Mercury Airfreight Corporation.

Other air forwarder applicants are: Airways Freight Forwarding Company, 2201 Grand Avenue, Kansas City; Air Cargo Coordinators, Cleveland Municipal Airport; Domestic Air Express, 1025 Mateo Street, Los Angeles; Nation-Wide Air Freight, Inc., 39 West Adams Street, Chicago; Skyways Freight Forwarding Corporation, 152 West 42 Street, New York; and Western Air Freight Forwarders, Inc., 15 Brook Street, Jersey City.

Beech Bonanza

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flight instruments for day and night flying; radio receiver, transmitter, marker beacon receiver, homing loop, and automatic antenna reels; cabin heafing and ventilating system, with windshield de-icers; soundproofing; continuously variable controllable pitch propeller; navigation, cabin, instrument, and landing lights; four adjustable sunshades, four individual ashtrays, and cigarette lighter.

Boeing Stratofreighter

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the Stratofreighter can be fully loaded in as little time as 50 minutes.

In addition to the maindeck space which is loaded by means of an electric hoist and power-aided overhead traverse rail, the Stratofreighter has three lower-deck compartments. Equipped with truck bed level doors to facilitate single-motion loading, these holds are ideally suited for short-range hauls where cargo is shifted frequently at intermediate stops.

The plane has also inherited the aerodynamic efficiency of its wartime predecessor, the Boeing B-29 Superfortress. It has been equipped with the same high-lift, low drag wing which carried the Superforts over thousands of miles of the Pacific; flush rivets, spot welding, and butt-jointed skin make possible speeds up to 350 miles an hour. The sum total of the Stratofreighter's aerodynamic efficiency enables the Boeing cargo carrier to do more work for its weight and size than any other air freighter in operation.

Efficiency, however, is not a bargain item. Weeks, months, sometimes even years are spent in research and engineering development—often times on seemingly small but actually difficult refinements. Other time-consuming problems bear directly on basic design considerations.

Increased payload, for example, is inherent in light construction. Once the gross weight has been established-say at 135,000 pounds—the fewer pounds used in the airplane itself the more available for payload. Although a simple formula, the problems introduced are of considerable magnitude. For while it is relatively easy to design light structure, to do this and at the same time include the Boeing hallmark of structural stability and strength, is not as easily accomplished. To incorporate both, as has been done in the Stratofreighter, takes time to design and manufacture. In the aircraft industry, as in all others, time costs money, hence the million-dollar price tag on the new Boeing cargo carrier.

Reduced rates, the key to success of the coming ship-it-by-air era, stem directly from efficient equipmment. With its tremendous usable volume of 6,140 cubic feet — twice that of an average railroad box car — the Stratofreighter will reduce by 20 percent the lowest direct-cost air freight figure announced to date. Converted to weight, the available volume represents 41,000 pounds of payload.

To airline operators, the results of reduced rates—increased business and additional profit—are of top interest.

Mercury Airfreight Seeks Freight Forwarder Permit

Mercury Airfreight Corporation, which currently is transporting air cargo between Los Angeles and New York on a daily basis, will file an application with the Civil Aeronautics Board to be certificated as an air freight forwarder.

Organized in Los Angeles, Mercury recently began operations as a general agent for air cargo shippers. The corporation operates none of its own planes, but uses for the most part the services of the non-scheduled airlines. A certain portion of its freight is carried by the certificated airlines' cargoplanes. Mercury's aim is to handle every phase of air cargo shipping with the single exception of actual flying.

The corporation is headed by Frederic M. Blow, who also is president of the Mexican airline, Red Aerea Mexicana, S. A., and a director of Aero Industries Corporation, New Haven. Vice president traffic operations is Nile O. Greer; and vice president-sales and transportation, W. L. Thompson. The two vice presidents are partners in the Greer-Thompson Company, a Los Angeles traffic management firm. W. W. Goldsborough, president of the Midland Aircraft Company, Wichita,

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